

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution ~~directing the Legislative Management to consider studying diabetes,~~
2 ~~including the forms and costs of treatment, avenues of payment, and impact of the federal~~
3 ~~Affordable Care Act~~ urging Congress to address the rising costs and availability of medications
4 and health care for individuals with diabetes and coverage of those costs.

5 **WHEREAS**, approximately 65,000 adults and children in North Dakota have diabetes; and
6 **WHEREAS**, the average medical expenses for an individual with diabetes are twice as high
7 as the medical expenses for an individual who does not have diabetes; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the estimated annual cost of diabetes in North Dakota for 2014 was
9 \$700,000,000; and

10 **WHEREAS**, ~~health insurance coverage is important for~~ individuals with diabetes ~~who~~ need
11 regular health care, laboratory tests, and prescription medications and North Dakota is
12 concerned about the increasing costs and availability of medications and health care and
13 coverage for those costs; and

14 ~~— WHEREAS, it is important to assess how any future changes in the federal Affordable Care~~
15 ~~Act may affect health insurance and health outcomes for individuals with diabetes;~~

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
17 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

18 ~~— That the Legislative Management consider studying diabetes, including the forms and costs~~
19 ~~of treatment, avenues of payment, and impact of the federal Affordable Care Act.~~

20 That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
21 address the rising costs and availability of medications and health care for individuals with
22 diabetes and coverage of those costs; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ~~Legislative Management report its findings and~~
24 ~~recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to~~

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly

- 1 ~~the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.~~ Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to
- 2 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
- 3 United States Senate, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.