

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

Introduced by

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4017

Senators Enget, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern

1 A concurrent resolution ~~recognizing~~ directing the Legislative Management to consider studying
2 whether pornography ~~as is~~ a public health hazard.

3 **WHEREAS**, each day, countless people are exposed to sexually explicit content through a
4 wide range of media, and these consumers often are unaware of the health risks posed by such
5 material; and

6 **WHEREAS**, children are encountering pornography before their teens, and this early
7 exposure may lead to low self-esteem and body image disorders and an increased desire to
8 engage in risky sexual behavior; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in addition to promoting unhealthy sexual expectations, the adult entertainment
10 industry produces media that objectifies women and children, as well as depicts rape and
11 abuse; by associating violence with sexual gratification, these materials perpetuate the demand
12 for sex trafficking, prostitution, child pornography, and sexual abuse images; and

13 **WHEREAS**, pornography has been linked to detrimental health effects, including brain
14 development complications, emotional and medical afflictions, the inability to form and maintain
15 intimate relationships, and sexual addiction; these dangers not only affect people on an
16 individual level but also contribute to the degradation of the family unit, frequently leading to
17 marital dissatisfaction and infidelity; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the ubiquity of pornography has resulted in a host of societal problems and
19 potentially negative health effects, and it is of paramount importance that our leaders address
20 this critical public health issue;

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

1 That the ~~Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly hereby recognize~~ Legislative Management
2 consider studying whether pornography ~~asis~~ a public health hazard, ~~and recognize the need for~~
3 ~~education, prevention, research, and policy changes to address the harmful influence and~~
4 ~~consequences of pornography~~; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ~~Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution~~
6 ~~to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Governor, and the Attorney~~
7 ~~General~~ Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any
8 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Seventieth Legislative Assembly.