Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4002
(Legislative Management)
(Health Services Committee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the feasibility and desirability of community paramedics providing additional clinical and public health services, particularly in rural areas of the state.

WHEREAS, the integration of public health and primary care at the community level may increase health care services to vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, a shortage of clinical and public health providers exists in rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, demand for emergency medical services is increasing in many rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services systems in rural areas of the state are experiencing a shortage of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services systems in rural areas are often unable to generate sufficient operating revenues;

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

That the Legislative Management study the feasibility and desirability of community paramedics providing additional clinical and public health services, particularly in rural areas of the state, including the ability to receive third-party reimbursement for the cost of these services and the effect of these services on the operations and sustainability of the current emergency medical services system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly.