

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3004  
(Legislative Management)  
(Health Services Committee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to continue to study medicolegal death investigation in the state and how current best practices, including authorization, reporting, training, certification, and the use of information technology and toxicology, can improve death investigation systems in the state.

**WHEREAS**, the 2013-14 interim Health Services Committee studied funding provided by the state for autopsies and state and county responsibility for the cost of autopsies, including the feasibility and desirability of counties sharing in the cost of autopsies; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of forensic autopsies performed in North Dakota has been steadily increasing; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to criminal justice, death investigation plays a role in public and population health; and

**WHEREAS**, medicolegal death investigation is complicated by distance and an inadequate supply of medical professionals in rural areas of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Medical Examiners provides consultation services to states developing systems for death investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013-14 interim Health Services Committee determined additional information was needed regarding recommended improvements to the medicolegal death investigation system in the state;

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

That the Legislative Management continue to study medicolegal death investigation in the state and how current best practices, including authorization, reporting, training, certification, and the use of information technology and toxicology, can improve death investigation systems in the state; 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-fifth Legislative Assembly.