

Introduced by

Senator Robinson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the causes of increases
2 in Department of Human Services caseloads and program utilization.

3 **WHEREAS**, the 2009 Legislative Assembly provided a total general fund appropriation for
4 the Department of Human Services of \$652.2 million, which is \$58.3 million, or 9.8 percent,
5 more than the legislative appropriation for the 2007-09 biennium; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the 2011-13 executive budget provides a total general fund appropriation for
7 the Department of Human Services of \$927.4 million, which is \$275.2 million, or 42.2 percent,
8 more than the legislative appropriation for the 2009-11 biennium; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services is experiencing increases in caseloads and
10 program utilization, including an increase in the number of Medicaid eligibles from 53,644 in
11 December 2008 to 63,473 in November 2010; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota is experiencing low unemployment, increases in
13 personal income, and a strong economy;

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

16 That the Legislative Management study the causes of the increases in the Department of
17 Human Services caseloads and program utilization; and

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