

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to consider studying the
2 legalization, decriminalization, and taxation of marijuana.

3 **WHEREAS**, over \$1,000,000,000,000 has been spent nationally enforcing drug laws,
4 including those pertaining to marijuana, since the War on Drugs was initiated by President
5 Nixon in the 1970s; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United States has become a nation of mass incarceration, imprisoning over
7 two million citizens, representing the highest imprisonment rate of any nation in the world; and

8 **WHEREAS**, states that have legalized marijuana have experienced increased tax revenue;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of North Dakota recently voted to allow the use of marijuana for
11 medical purposes;

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

14 That the Legislative Management consider studying the legalization, decriminalization, and
15 taxation of marijuana; and

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