

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying diabetes,
2 including the forms and costs of treatment, avenues of payment, and impact of the federal
3 Affordable Care Act.

4 **WHEREAS**, approximately 65,000 adults and children in North Dakota have diabetes; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the average medical expenses for an individual with diabetes are twice as high
6 as the medical expenses for an individual who does not have diabetes; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the estimated annual cost of diabetes in North Dakota for 2014 was
8 \$700,000,000; and

9 **WHEREAS**, health insurance coverage is important for individuals with diabetes who need
10 regular health care, laboratory tests, and prescription medications; and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is important to assess how any future changes in the federal Affordable Care
12 Act may affect health insurance and health outcomes for individuals with diabetes;

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

15 That the Legislative Management consider studying diabetes, including the forms and costs
16 of treatment, avenues of payment, and impact of the federal Affordable Care Act.

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