

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study issues relating to genetic
2 modification, including impacts on health, the food supply, and the future, and actions by other
3 jurisdictions relating to experimental medicine, product labeling, and promulgation of accurate
4 information regarding genetic modification efforts that exist or are expected to exist in the near
5 future.

6 **WHEREAS**, through genetic modification, scientists are exploring the possibility of
7 eliminating genetic diseases such as Alzheimer's, diabetes, and cancer; and

8 **WHEREAS**, through genetic modification, scientists are exploring the possibility of
9 removing undesirable traits such as alcoholism, schizophrenia, and drug abuse; and

10 **WHEREAS**, through genetic modification, scientists are exploring the possibility of
11 producing artificial hormones and producing substances such as vitamins, antibiotics, and other
12 drugs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, through genetic modification, food can be produced with less need for
14 chemicals such as insecticides; and

15 **WHEREAS**, with respect to genetically modified food and with respect to genetic
16 modification in medicine, monitoring and proactive research is needed to determine the
17 short-term and long-term benefits and detriments of such efforts; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the issue of genetic modification must be viewed with a willingness to
19 explore the gamut of opportunities that modern science has made available;

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

22 That the Legislative Council study issues relating to genetic modification, including
23 impacts on health, the food supply, and the future, and actions by other jurisdictions relating to
24 experimental medicine, product labeling, and promulgation of accurate information regarding
25 genetic modification efforts that exist or are expected to exist in the near future; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.