

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3016

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the delivery of veterans'
2 services by the state and counties.

3 **WHEREAS**, so long as the people of this state live free there will be veterans that have
4 sacrificed to secure that freedom; and

5 **WHEREAS**, these veterans are entitled to a number of state and federal benefits and
6 may seek advice and aid from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or a county veterans' service
7 officer in obtaining these benefits; and

8 **WHEREAS**, there is uncertainty as to whether the current service delivery system at the
9 state and county level is sufficient and effective; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there are veterans' service officers in the 53 counties of this state and
11 these officers have difficulties in the provision of services to veterans because of part-time
12 status, lack of funding, and lack of resources; and

13 **WHEREAS**, it is difficult to find and train qualified officers and consolidation of officers
14 may be a viable means of creating full-time, well-funded, well-qualified, well-trained, and
15 adequately compensated veterans' service officers;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study the delivery of veterans' services by the state and
19 counties; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
22 the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.