

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3050

Introduced by

Representatives Grande, Kerzman

Senators J. Lee, O'Connell

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study data regarding colorectal
2 cancer screening, current methods of public education, access to regular cancer screening, and
3 to consider options for increasing screening accuracy.

4 **WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer affects and kills equal numbers of men and women each
5 year; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2002 there were 387 new cases and 156 cases resulting in fatalities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the second most common cancer killer in the United
8 States, accounting for 10 percent of all cancer deaths and is the leading type of cancer for
9 nonsmoking males; and

10 **WHEREAS**, most cancers arise from polyps, two-thirds of all polyps are adenomas, and
11 30 to 40 percent of adults over the age of 50 have one or more adenomas; and

12 **WHEREAS**, early detection and removal of polyps eliminate cancer risk, and 90 percent
13 of colon cancer deaths can be prevented by timely removal of polyps; and

14 **WHEREAS**, men and women are entitled to proper colorectal cancer information so that
15 they can be empowered to make informed health care decisions and to have access to cancer
16 screenings, including the most accurate methods available;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study data regarding colorectal cancer screening, current
20 methods of public education, access to regular cancer screening, and to consider options for
21 increasing screening accuracy; and

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