

Introduced by

Representatives Buffalo, Klemin, Rohr

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the impact of
2 the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic, including an analysis of whether certain populations
3 are more susceptible to contracting COVID-19 and an analysis of the state residents who have
4 been hospitalized or died from COVID-19, including whether the individuals had a pre-existing
5 health condition, a disability, access to health care, health insurance, and whether the individual
6 belonged to a population susceptible to serious illness from COVID-19.

7 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory illness, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex
10 Azar II declared a national public health emergency for COVID-19 on January 31, 2020; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic in March
12 2020; and

13 **WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump declared the growing COVID-19 crisis in the United
14 States a national emergency on March 13, 2020; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Governor Doug Burgum declared a state of emergency in North Dakota in
16 response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

17 **WHEREAS**, there have been over 99,000 confirmed cases, over 3,800 hospitalizations, and
18 over 1,400 deaths due to COVID-19 in North Dakota since the onset of the pandemic in North
19 Dakota in March 2020;

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

22 That the Legislative Assembly consider studying the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
23 including an analysis of whether certain populations are more susceptible to contracting
24 COVID-19 and an analysis of the state residents who have been hospitalized or died from
25 COVID-19, including whether the individuals had a pre-existing health condition, a disability,

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- 1 access to health care, health insurance, and whether the individual belonged to a population
- 2 susceptible to serious illness from COVID-19; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly.