

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3018
(Representatives Conmy, Nelson)
(Senator Hogan)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying strategies to increase the number of North Dakotans who receive health benefits coverage.

WHEREAS, the Kaiser Family Foundation reports 2021 data for North Dakota indicates 57.5 percent of North Dakotans received health care benefits through an employer, 7.9 percent through nongroup coverage, 9.8 percent through Medicaid, 14.4 percent through Medicare, and 2.7 percent through the military, and 7.7 percent were uninsured; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is facing a workforce shortage, with an unemployment rate of approximately 2.3 percent; and

WHEREAS, the state can strengthen its partnership with private businesses by investigating innovative opportunities to increase health benefits coverage, helping to draw workers to North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the state can leverage federal funds to increase health benefits coverage for low-income workers through Medicaid, Medicaid Expansion, and the children's health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's natural resources place the state in a unique position to fund initiatives to increase access to health benefits coverage;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying strategies to increase the number of North Dakotans who receive health benefits coverage; and

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State