



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 602

Introduced by: **Senator Hunhoff**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To analyze and report information on the healthcare**  
2 **workforce in South Dakota.**

3 WHEREAS, the delivery of healthcare in a rural state like South Dakota provides unique  
4 challenges because of South Dakota's large area and small rural population centers; and

5 WHEREAS, South Dakota is nearing a crisis in the declining number of people employed  
6 in healthcare fields; and

7 WHEREAS, the amount of information and data known about the healthcare workforce in  
8 South Dakota is minimal; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota and the Legislature need to be committed to  
10 investing in and supporting the development of the healthcare workforce in South Dakota:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the  
12 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Department  
13 of Health provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than December 3,  
14 2024, with an analysis of the healthcare workforce in South Dakota; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report includes an analysis of all available data  
16 sources including recruitment metrics, educational programs, migration data, demographic  
17 information and projections, overall demand for healthcare, and other related information to  
18 identify patterns, gaps, and opportunities for the healthcare workforce; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a healthcare workforce database be implemented with  
20 ongoing updates of data and information on healthcare workforce in the state; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report include analysis of healthcare utilization  
22 patterns to understand where and what types of care South Dakotans are seeking across the  
23 State; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report identify successful healthcare workforce  
2 programs or initiatives and report on the strategies and outcomes; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report includes recommendations based on the  
4 findings from the analysis encompassing actionable steps to enhance the healthcare workforce  
5 in South Dakota.