

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Sutton, Bradford, Buhl O'Donnell, Frerichs, Hunhoff (Jean), Krebs, Lucas, Rave, Tidemann, and Van Gerpen and Representatives Ecklund, Anderson, Bartling, Bolin, Carson, Cronin, Feinstein, Gibson, Greenfield, Hajek, Hawks, Hawley, Heinert, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Killer, Kirschman, Nelson, Olson (Betty), Parsley, Qualm, Rasmussen, Ring, Rounds, Rozum, Schaefer, Schoenfish, Sly, Soli, Tyler, Verchio, Wink, and Wismer

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to reject the proposal to remove the states'  
2 authority to designate a hospital as a necessary provider under the critical access hospital  
3 program.

4 WHEREAS, the critical access hospital program was passed into law by Congress in 1997  
5 to preserve the viability of more than twelve hundred rural hospitals in the country; and

6 WHEREAS, thirty-eight of South Dakota's fifty-two community-based hospitals are critical  
7 access hospitals, and their financial existence depends on their continued participation in the  
8 critical access hospital program; and

9 WHEREAS, until 2006, states could declare certain hospitals exempt from certain distance  
10 requirements attributed to the critical access hospital program, and South Dakota's Governor  
11 was provided with the ability to designate a hospital as a necessary provider under the critical  
12 access hospital program; and



1       WHEREAS, the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of Health and  
2 Human Services has proposed that Congress pass revisions to the critical access hospital  
3 program that would render the states' necessary provider designation null and void, and as many  
4 as twenty-one critical access hospitals in South Dakota could lose their critical access hospital  
5 status if the necessary provider designations are eliminated:

6       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature  
7 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South  
8 Dakota Legislature express its support for maintaining the states' ability to designate a hospital  
9 as a necessary provider; and

10       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature petition Congress to reject the proposal  
11 of the Office of the Inspector General and maintain the states' designation process.