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SECOND DRAFT:

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for the Economic Development Committee
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- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a manufacturing initiative to assist manufacturers; to provide for
- 2 a report to the legislative council; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. DAKOTA MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE. The department of commerce shall seek to contract with the Dakota manufacturing extension partnership, incorporated, to implement the Dakota manufacturing initiative. The initiative includes building a membership association of manufacturers in North Dakota and South Dakota, complementing existing national, regional, and local manufacturing entities; providing nonduplicative services to the association's manufacturing members which address critical needs, including identifying and developing private procurement opportunities; and developing a consortium of major manufacturers in North Dakota and South Dakota to design and support overall supply chain development and supplier development. Under the initiative, state funds must be leveraged with additional public and private funds, which may include federal funding sources, South Dakota state funding, and funding from manufacturers.

SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. During the 2005-06 interim, the commissioner of commerce shall report to the legislative council on the status of the Dakota manufacturing initiative provided for under section 1 of this Act. This report must include

commissioner of commerce shall report to the legislative council on the status of the Dakota manufacturing initiative provided for under section 1 of this Act. This report must include information regarding how the initiative has been established and regarding the activities of the Dakota manufacturing extension partnership, incorporated. The commissioner shall include in the report whether the state should continue this initiative or whether the goal of assisting manufacturers would be better served by alternative means. The commissioner shall report whether there are potential changes that could be made to improve the networking of manufacturing businesses and other suppliers in this state.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$165,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of contracting with the Dakota manufacturing extension partnership, incorporated, to implement the Dakota manufacturing initiative, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.