

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1087
(Transportation Committee)
(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 54-53-02 and 54-53-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to composition of the advisory transportation council and purpose of the upper great plains transportation institute.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-53-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-53-02. Advisory transportation council - Composition. There is established a transportation council that shall serve in an advisory capacity to the upper great plains transportation institute. The director of the institute shall serve as the executive secretary of the council. The council shall elect its own chairman. The council membership consists of ~~a traffic counsel selected by the members of the council, a representative of the railways serving the state who is selected by the council, and~~ one representative from and appointed by the following organizations:

1. The greater North Dakota association.
2. The North Dakota public service commission.
3. The North Dakota farm bureau.
4. The North Dakota farmers union.
5. The North Dakota ~~stockmen's~~ grain growers association.
6. The North Dakota state wheat commission.
7. The North Dakota department of commerce ~~division of economic development and finance.~~
8. The North Dakota grain dealers association.
9. The North Dakota motor carriers association.
10. The North Dakota aeronautics commission.
11. The North Dakota department of transportation.
12. The North Dakota agriculture commissioner.
13. The North Dakota association of general contractors.
14. The North Dakota railway industry, appointed by the council.
15. The North Dakota primary sector of manufacturing, appointed by the council.

Members of the council shall serve without pay, but they may receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, if authorized by the director.

The council shall consult with the institute in matters of policy affecting the administration of this chapter and in the development of transportation in the state of North Dakota. The council shall meet at the call of the executive director or upon the written request of three or more members of the council.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-53-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-53-03. Purpose - Powers and duties. The purpose of the institute must be to conduct and supervise research in the field of transportation and logistics in order to facilitate acquisition of a wider knowledge and understanding of marketing factors associated with the geographical location of the state of North Dakota and the upper great plains in the field of transportation and their influence on the socioeconomic systems of the state, region, and country. Research areas must include the study of commodity and other freight movements into and out of the state in order to better know and understand the various factors affecting the marketing of area products and services. The institute shall make public its findings and conclusions in regard thereto together with any suggested solutions. In the administration of its duties under this chapter, the institute shall consult and coordinate with various governmental and nongovernmental agencies, shipper and producer groups, and carriers, in this state and in other states, interested in the field of transportation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1087.

House Vote: Yeas 78 Nays 13 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

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Secretary of State