

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1087

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-53-02 and 54-53-03 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to composition of the advisory transportation council and purpose of the
3 upper great plains transportation institute.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

7 **54-53-02. Advisory transportation council - Composition.** There is established a
8 transportation council that shall serve in an advisory capacity to the upper great plains
9 transportation institute. The director of the institute shall serve as the executive secretary of the
10 council. The council shall elect its own chairman. The council membership consists of ~~a traffic~~
11 ~~council selected by the members of the council, a representative of the railways serving the~~
12 ~~state who is selected by the council, the North Dakota state university president or the~~
13 president's designee and one representative from and appointed by the following organizations:

- 14 1. The greater North Dakota association.
- 15 2. The North Dakota public service commission.
- 16 3. The North Dakota farm bureau.
- 17 4. The North Dakota farmers union.
- 18 5. The North Dakota stockmen's association.
- 19 6. The North Dakota state wheat commission.
- 20 7. The North Dakota department of commerce ~~division of economic development and~~
21 ~~finance.~~
- 22 8. The North Dakota grain dealers association.
- 23 9. The North Dakota motor carriers association.
- 24 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.

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.