

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1282

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for reports to the legislative management; and to provide for a legislative management study regarding agricultural commodity groups.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - COMMODITY GROUPS. Before January 1, 2018, each commodity group shall report to the legislative management regarding the organizational structure and operations of the commodity group. Each report must include a description of:

1. The structure and staff of the organization and how the commodity group performs its responsibilities. The description must include the use of classified and unclassified state employees, temporary employees, contractors, paid and unpaid labor by the group, and hiring practices.
2. The major challenges currently facing the commodity group, including organizational structure challenges.
3. Any administrative rules, policies, procedures, guidelines, manuals, or other directives developed by the commodity group to implement statutes and govern group operations.
4. The relationship between the board and the producer organizations, including any commercial business endeavors.
5. The process used to determine the use of monies raised by or appropriated to the commodity group.
6. Contracts entered by the commodity group, including the procurement of goods and services, partnership agreements, grants, and sponsorships.
7. Historical commodity group fiscal year cash flow and revenue trends.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - COMMODITY GROUPS. During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying commodity groups. The study must include a review of the commodity group reports under section 2 of this Act and the legislative history of each commodity group. The study must include receipt of input from the commodity groups, growers' associations, agriculture commissioner, attorney general's office, and the office of management and budget. The study must include a review of attorney general opinions related to commodity groups. The study may include a review of the structure of commodity groups in other states. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly