

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1480**

Introduced by

Representatives Steiner, B. Anderson, Boe, Boschee, Hatlestad, Lefor, Longmuir, J. Nelson,  
Pollert

Senators Patten, Piepkorn, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 38-08-06.5 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to flaring reduction; to provide for a report to the legislative management; to provide for  
3 a legislative management study; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 38-08-06.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
6 as follows:

7 **38-08-06.5. Flare reduction - Industrial commission authority - Energy parks - Report**  
8 **to legislative management.**

9 1. If a company that gathers and processes natural gas and associated liquids reaches  
10 ninety-eight percent gas and natural gas liquid volume pipeline capacity, the company  
11 must allow the purchase or the sale of transport of all gas and natural gas liquids to an  
12 operator that has the ability to accept the gas or natural gas liquids, at a rate  
13 determined by the industrial commission. The industrial commission shall request  
14 congestion-point information from operators.

15 2. The industrial commission shall receive complaints of a failure to transfer gas and  
16 natural gas liquid between a company and an operator under subsection 1.

17 3. The industrial commission shall oversee the creation of at least six innovative energy  
18 parks for the purpose of converting excess natural gas into consumable byproducts.  
19 Each park must be twenty or fewer acres in size.

20 4. The industrial commission may adopt any rules necessary to implement this section.

21 5. The industrial commission shall provide a biennial report to the legislative  
22 management on the number of complaints received under subsection 2, together with  
23 any recommendations and legislation required to implement the recommendations.

1       **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - FUELING STATIONS.** During the  
2 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and  
3 desirability of transitioning state fleet vehicles from a gas fleet to natural gas, hybrid, propane,  
4 soybean, or electric fleet. The study must include consultation with the department of  
5 transportation and include an assessment of the costs and benefits associated with transitioning  
6 state fleet vehicles from a gas fleet to natural gas, hybrid, propane, soybean, or electric fleet  
7 and a determination of congestion points for developing natural gas fueling stations, electric  
8 charging stations, and other alternative fueling stations in the state. The study must include  
9 consideration of the availability of federal funding for the development of alternative fueling and  
10 charging stations for vehicles and transitioning state gas fleet vehicles to alternative fuel, hybrid,  
11 or electric fleet vehicles. The legislative management shall report its findings and  
12 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
13 the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

14       **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2024,  
15 and after that date is ineffective.