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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

### ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1455

Introduced by

Representatives Brown, Finley-DeVile, Holle, Ista, Dobervich, Davis

Senators Boschee, Hogan, Marcellais, Patten

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-36 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the review of ~~legislative measures~~introduced legislation by the Indian  
3 affairs commission and tribal consultation.

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

5 SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

##### 7 Review of ~~legislative measures~~introduced legislation - Tribal consultation.

8 1. Each legislative session, the director of the Indian affairs commission shall review  
9 ~~each measure~~all legislation introduced to the legislative assembly and determine if the  
10 ~~measure~~legislation pertains to matters with tribal implications.

11 2. If the director determines a bill pertains to matters with tribal implications, the director  
12 shall consult with the tribal chairpersons of each tribe.

13 3. For purposes of this section:

14 a. "Consult" means the direct and interactive involvement of the North Dakota tribal  
15 governments in the development of policy on matters with tribal implications,  
16 which includes a proactive, affirmative process of identifying and seeking input  
17 from appropriate tribal governments and considering the tribal governments' input  
18 as a necessary and integral part of the decisionmaking process.

19 b. "Matters with tribal implications" means a legislative measure that has a  
20 substantial direct effect on one or more tribal nations within the geographical

- 1 boundaries of the state or on the distribution of power and responsibilities
- 2 between the state and tribal governments.