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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 17-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
2 to the oil and gas development strategic planning authority.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 17-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
5 follows:

6 **17-10-01. Oil and gas development strategic planning authority.**

7 The oil and gas development strategic planning authority is governed by the industrial  
8 commission. The industrial commission shall appoint a director and the director may hire  
9 employees or contract for services for the completion of the director's duties within the limits of  
10 legislative appropriations.

11 **17-10-02. Oil and gas development strategic planning.**

12 The authority shall develop and maintain a current comprehensive strategic plan to identify  
13 the current and future regional infrastructure needs of counties and communities affected by oil  
14 and gas development through the collection and analysis of information and opinions of state  
15 and local governmental entities and stakeholders involved in and affected by oil and gas  
16 development.

17 **17-10-03. Duties of the director.**

18 The director shall collect information from available resources and through studies directed  
19 by the industrial commission, analyze information from all available sources, and create a  
20 strategic plan to address and prioritize the current and future impacts and infrastructure needs  
21 of the state and counties and communities affected by oil and gas development. The director  
22 shall consult and cooperate with state and local governmental entities, oil and gas industry  
23 representatives, landowners, mineral owners, and other stakeholders involved in and affected

1 by oil and gas development. For the plan, the director must include an analysis of all current  
2 funding, programs, and incentives used to address impacts and infrastructure needs.

3 As directed by the industrial commission, the director shall analyze any changes or  
4 additions to funding, programs, and incentives to meet impacts and infrastructure needs. The  
5 director shall make recommendations to the industrial commission to make the most efficient  
6 use of state and local resources to meet the current and future impacts and infrastructure needs  
7 of the state and counties and communities affected by oil and gas development. The director  
8 may make recommendations for future areas of study and improved gathering of information.  
9 The director shall update the plan and recommendations based on changing conditions.