

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Agriculture and Transportation Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a department of transportation long combination vehicle study
2 and pilot projects; and to provide for a legislative management report.

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

4 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LONG COMBINATION VEHICLE**
5 **STUDY AND PILOT PROJECTS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

- 6 1. During the 2021-22 interim, the department of transportation shall study and conduct
7 pilot projects on the feasibility and impact of long combination vehicle operations on
8 North Dakota roadways. The study must include:
- 9 a. An assessment of the federal regulations impacting long combination vehicle
10 operations beyond the configurations currently allowed, including configuration
11 combinations allowed in Canada and other jurisdictions;
 - 12 b. An evaluation of the economic impact of permitting long combination vehicle
13 operations in the state;
 - 14 c. An assessment of the impact long combination vehicle operations would have on
15 North Dakota bridges and structures;
 - 16 d. An assessment and evaluation of road networks that are compatible with certain
17 long combination vehicle configurations, or with minor modifications, not
18 exceeding one hundred eighty feet of cargo carrying capacity unless approved by
19 the director of the department of transportation;
 - 20 e. An assessment of the costs associated with implementing long combination
21 vehicle operations; and
 - 22 f. An examination of the size and weight provisions provided under chapter 39-12.
- 23 2. The director of the department of transportation may waive certain statutory size and
24 weight restrictions for the pilot projects.

- 1 3. The department of transportation may continue any pilot project commenced under
2 subsection 1 until the department determines sufficient information has been gathered
3 to determine the pilot project is no longer necessary.
- 4 4. Before August 1, 2022, the department of transportation shall report its findings and
5 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
6 recommendations, to the legislative management.