

Introduced by

Senators Krebsbach, Burckhard, Hogue, Wanzek

Representatives Fisher, Louser

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for an intermodal
2 transportation assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ONE-TIME FUNDING - LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** There is
5 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
6 appropriated, the sum of \$15,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
7 department of commerce for the purpose of developing an intermodal transportation assistance
8 program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. Of this amount:

9 1. \$10,000,000 is for providing grants to an organization dedicated to the development of
10 an intermodal transportation facility and expansion of intermodal infrastructure in the
11 state; and

12 2. \$5,000,000 must be made available to the Bank of North Dakota for loan guarantees
13 related to the development of an intermodal transportation facility and expansion of
14 intermodal infrastructure in the state.

15 Grant funds awarded must be used for the purchase of infrastructure assets, real property, and
16 equipment necessary for successful intermodal rail service in the state. The department of
17 commerce shall establish guidelines for the awarding of grants under the program. It is the
18 intent of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly the funds appropriated in this section are derived
19 from legacy fund earnings transferred to the general fund during the biennium beginning July 1,
20 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.