

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 - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

5 **FUND - ONE-TIME FUNDING** ~~—LEGISLATIVE INTENT.~~ There is appropriated out of any
6 moneys in the ~~general~~ strategic investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not
7 otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$15,000,000~~ \$10,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
8 necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of developing an intermodal
9 transportation assistance program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
10 June 30, 2023. ~~Of this amount:~~

11 ~~1. \$10,000,000 is~~ The funding must be used for providing grants to an organization
12 dedicated to the purchase and development of an intermodal transportation facility
13 and expansion of intermodal infrastructure in the state; ~~and~~

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

17 Grant funds awarded must be used for the purchase of infrastructure assets, real property, and
18 equipment necessary for successful intermodal rail service in the state. The department of
19 commerce shall establish guidelines for the awarding of grants under the program. ~~It is the~~
20 ~~intent of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly the funds appropriated in this section are derived~~
21 ~~from legacy fund earnings transferred to the general fund during the biennium beginning July 1,~~
22 ~~2019, and ending June 30, 2021.~~ This funding is considered a one-time funding item.