

March 3, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2026

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a department of transportation long combination vehicle study and pilot program; to provide for a legislative management report; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LONG COMBINATION VEHICLE STUDY - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.

1. During the 2021-22 interim, the department of transportation shall study the feasibility and impact of long combination vehicle operations on North Dakota roadways. The study must include:
 - a. An assessment of the federal regulations impacting long combination vehicle operations;
 - b. An evaluation of the economic impact of permitting long combination vehicle operations in the state;
 - c. An assessment of the impact long combination vehicle operations would have on North Dakota bridges and structures;
 - d. An assessment of the costs associated with implementing long combination vehicle operations; and
 - e. An examination of the size and weight provisions provided under North Dakota Century Code chapter 39-12.
2. Before August 1, 2022, the department of transportation shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the legislative management.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - LONG COMBINATION VEHICLE PILOT PROGRAM. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for the purpose of conducting a long combination vehicle pilot program, in collaboration with the agriculture commissioner, highway patrol, North Dakota motor carriers association, and the upper great plains transportation institute, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. Upon the approval of county transportation officials, the department of transportation shall establish a long combination vehicle pilot program to operate on North Dakota roadways in collaboration with local law enforcement, the agriculture commissioner, highway patrol, North Dakota motor carriers association, and the upper great plains transportation institute. The department of transportation shall establish the parameters and policies regarding the use and operation of long combination vehicles on state, county, city, or local roadways, including designation of routes, hours of operation, and length and weight restrictions.

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through June 30, 2023, and after that date is ineffective."

Renumber accordingly