

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the attorney general for purposes of conducting
2 a foreign adversaries threat assessment; and to provide for a legislative management report.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL FUND - ATTORNEY GENERAL - FOREIGN**
5 **ADVERSARY THREAT ASSESSMENT - REPORT - ONE-TIME FUNDING - LEGISLATIVE**
6 **MANAGEMENT REPORT.**

7 1. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, there is
8 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
9 appropriated, the sum of \$7,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
10 the attorney general for the purpose of contracting with a consultant to perform a
11 comprehensive assessment of the state's vulnerabilities relating to security threats
12 posed by foreign adversaries. The funding provided in this subsection is considered a
13 one-time funding item.

14 2. The consultant shall:

15 a. Identify sectors and industries most vulnerable to foreign adversarial influence,
16 including critical infrastructure, technology, agriculture, energy, and academia;

17 b. Assess foreign adversarial influence beyond land acquisition, including strategic
18 investments, partnerships, and other forms of economic, educational, and
19 political influence;

20 c. Evaluate existing investments and activities to determine compliance with
21 federal, state, and local laws;

22 d. Identify sectors in which foreign adversarial influence is often unmonitored or
23 under reported; and

- 1 e. Propose broad mitigation strategies relating to identified risks and vulnerabilities
- 2 to enhance the state's ability to manage foreign adversarial influence while
- 3 supporting economic growth and security.
- 4 3. By June 1, 2026, the consultant shall provide a written report to the attorney general
- 5 outlining its findings and recommendations. The report must:
- 6 a. Provide a detailed analysis of the foreign adversary threats and vulnerabilities
- 7 specific to the state;
- 8 b. Identify critical risks across sectors, including infrastructure, security, academia,
- 9 and economic investments;
- 10 c. Provide sector specific mitigation recommendations designed to reduce
- 11 vulnerabilities in infrastructure, academic institutions, economic investments, and
- 12 other prominent sectors in the state; and
- 13 d. Include a proposal providing for the establishment of a state intelligence unit and
- 14 the structure, roles, and operational procedures required for continuous
- 15 monitoring of foreign adversary threats by the state intelligence unit.
- 16 4. Before July 1, 2026, the attorney general shall present the findings and
- 17 recommendations provided in the report under subsection 3, and any proposed
- 18 legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the legislative
- 19 management.