

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1038
with Senate Amendments**

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Introduced by

Representatives Nathe, Bosch, Hagert, Lefor, Mitskog, O'Brien, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen,
Vigesaa

Senators Axtman, Bekkedahl, Hogue

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a state radar
2 data pathfinder program; to provide for a report; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STRATEGIC**

5 **INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - STATE RADAR DATA PATHFINDER**

6 **PROGRAM - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is

7 appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$11,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
9 necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of administering a state radar data
10 pathfinder program, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending
11 June 30, 2027. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

12 1. The department of commerce shall collaborate with the uncrewed aircraft systems test
13 site established in section 54-60-28 in administering the state radar data pathfinder
14 program and participating in the federal radar data pathfinder program administered by
15 the federal aviation administration. The department of commerce shall use funding
16 appropriated in this section to:

17 a. Support the integration of federal radar data with state uncrewed aircraft systems
18 and the beyond visual line of sight program.

19 b. Develop and implement security control protocols that meet federal aviation
20 administration radar data requirements to ensure compliance with national
21 security standards.

- 1 c. Enhance uncrewed aircraft systems and radar data infrastructure in the state.
- 2 d. Increase the safety and effectiveness of the operations of the uncrewed aircraft
- 3 systems test site.
- 4 e. Provide state agencies with training and technical resources to use federal radar
- 5 data securely while using the beyond visual line of sight program.
- 6 2. During the 2025-26 interim, the department of commerce shall provide a report to the
- 7 legislative management and the governor by June 30, 2026, regarding the status of
- 8 the state radar data pathfinder program, integration of the state program with the
- 9 federal aviation administration radar data pathfinder program, expenditures to date,
- 10 and the effect of the program on uncrewed aircraft system operations, safety, and data
- 11 security in the state.

12 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.