

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1038

(Representatives Nathe, Bosch, Hagert, Lefor, Mitskog, O'Brien, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen, Vigesaa)
(Senators Axtman, Bekkedahl, Hogue)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a state radar data pathfinder program; to provide for a report; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - STATE RADAR DATA PATHFINDER PROGRAM - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$11,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of administering a state radar data pathfinder program, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

1. The department of commerce shall collaborate with the uncrewed aircraft systems test site established in section 54-60-28 in administering the state radar data pathfinder program and participating in the federal radar data pathfinder program administered by the federal aviation administration. The department of commerce shall use funding appropriated in this section to:
 - a. Support the integration of federal radar data with state uncrewed aircraft systems and the beyond visual line of sight program.
 - b. Develop and implement security control protocols that meet federal aviation administration radar data requirements to ensure compliance with national security standards.
 - c. Enhance uncrewed aircraft systems and radar data infrastructure in the state.
 - d. Increase the safety and effectiveness of the operations of the uncrewed aircraft systems test site.
 - e. Provide state agencies with training and technical resources to use federal radar data securely while using the beyond visual line of sight program.
2. During the 2025-26 interim, the department of commerce shall provide a report to the legislative management and the governor by June 30, 2026, regarding the status of the state radar data pathfinder program, integration of the state program with the federal aviation administration radar data pathfinder program, expenditures to date, and the effect of the program on uncrewed aircraft system operations, safety, and data security in the state.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1038 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 84 Nays 3 Absent 6

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 40 Nays 4 Absent 3

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State