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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1455

Introduced by

Representatives Brown, Finley-DeVile, Holle, Ista, Dobervich, Davis

Senators Boschee, Hogan, Marcellais, Patten

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-36 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the review of legislative measures by the Indian affairs commission
3 and tribal consultation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Review of legislative measures - Tribal consultation.**

8 1. Each legislative session, the director of the Indian affairs commission shall review
9 each measure introduced to the legislative assembly and determine if the measure
10 pertains to matters with tribal implications.

11 2. If the director determines a bill pertains to matters with tribal implications, the director
12 shall consult with the tribal chairpersons of each tribe ~~before the standing committee~~
13 hearing on the measure.

14 3. For purposes of this section:

15 a. "Consult" means the direct and interactive involvement of the North Dakota tribal
16 governments in the development of policy on matters with tribal implications,
17 which includes a proactive, affirmative process of identifying and seeking input
18 from appropriate tribal governments and considering the tribal governments' input
19 as a necessary and integral part of the decisionmaking process.

- 1 b. "Matters with tribal implications" means a legislative measure that has a
2 substantial direct effect on one or more tribal nations within the geographical
3 boundaries of the state or on the distribution of power and responsibilities
4 between the state and tribal governments.