

HOUSE BILL NO. 1568

Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, Klemin, Dobervich, McLeod, Murphy, O'Brien

Senators Hogan, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the creation of the North Dakota Ireland trade commission; and to provide for a
3 legislative management report.

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

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

7 **North Dakota Ireland trade commission - Membership.**

8 1. The North Dakota Ireland trade commissions shall:

- 9 a. Advance bilateral trade and investment between the state and Ireland;
10 b. Initiate joint action on issues of mutual interest to the state and Ireland;
11 c. Promote business and academic exchanges between the state and Ireland;
12 d. Encourage mutual economic support between the state and Ireland;
13 e. Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of the state and Ireland; and
14 f. Address any other issues deemed to be of mutual benefit to the state and
15 Ireland.

16 2. The North Dakota Ireland trade commission consists of:

- 17 a. Two members of the senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the
18 senate;
19 b. Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
20 house;
21 c. The executive director of the North Dakota trade office;
22 d. An individual knowledgeable of and interested in the promotion of international
23 trade, appointed by the executive director of the North Dakota trade office; and
24 e. The agriculture commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.

1 3. Each appointed member shall serve for a term of two years. If a position becomes
2 vacant, the position must be filled for the duration of the term in the same manner as
3 the original appointment.

4 4. At the initial meeting of the commission and annually thereafter, the members shall
5 select one from among the four appointed legislators to serve as the chair.

6 **Administration - Meetings - Reimbursement.**

7 1. The North Dakota trade office shall provide administrative services to the North
8 Dakota Ireland trade commission and compensation under subsection 3.

9 2. The commission shall meet two to four times per year, as deemed necessary by the
10 chair, at the call of the chair.

11 3. Each member of the North Dakota Ireland trade commission may be reimbursed upon
12 request for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the member's duties at
13 the rate provided for members of the legislative assembly under subsection 1 of
14 section 54-03-20.

15 **Report to legislative management.**

16 On or before September first of each year, the North Dakota Ireland trade commission shall
17 provide a report to the legislative management. The report must include:

18 1. A description of the commission's work;

19 2. A description of benefits to the state, and to sectors involved in international trade,
20 attributable to the commission's efforts;

21 3. Recommendations for legislation that would support trade between the state and
22 Ireland; and

23 4. A summary of anticipated commission activities in the following year.