

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1275

Introduced by

Representatives Kiefert, K. Anderson, Beltz, Brandenburg, Christy, Dobervich, Dockter,
Fegley, D. Johnston

Senators Conley, Wobbema

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the industrial commission for a natural gas
2 distribution infrastructure grant program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

5 **FUND - INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION - NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE**

6 **GRANTS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic
7 investment and improvements fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so
8 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the industrial commission, for a natural gas
9 distribution infrastructure grant program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
10 June 30, 2027. The industrial commission shall develop guidelines for a natural gas distribution
11 infrastructure grant program, including the eligibility criteria and maximum grant amounts. The
12 grant funding is available to political subdivisions, public service commission regulated gas
13 distribution entities, and individuals located in cities with a population of no more than ten
14 thousand. The grant funding may be used only for costs to install natural gas distribution
15 infrastructure. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item. A
16 grant applicant shall provide a minimum of fifty percent matching funds, with priority given to a
17 project having a greater level of matching funds.