

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SECOND ENGROSSMENT**

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2396

Introduced by

Senators Weston, Boehm, Hogue, Paulson

Representatives Steiner, Tveit

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a performance audit of the ~~department of commerce and the~~
2 North Dakota development fund; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide
3 an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. PERFORMANCE AUDIT - ~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND~~ NORTH**
6 **DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The legislative
7 management shall contract with an ~~out-of-state and~~ independent third party for the completion
8 of a performance audit of the ~~department of commerce and the~~ North Dakota development
9 fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. ~~The chairman of the~~
10 ~~legislative management shall arrange for the audit and by August 30, 2026, receive the audit~~
11 ~~report.~~ The performance audit must address the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the
12 economic development programs ~~at the department of commerce and~~ of the North Dakota
13 development fund relative to industry best practices criteria for the years 2020 to 2024 by
14 examining internal processes, controls, and results to identify areas for improvement and
15 provide recommendations for corrective actions. A representative of the North Dakota
16 development fund shall report the audit findings to the legislative management before
17 September 1, 2026.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - PERFORMANCE**
19 **AUDIT - ~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND~~ NORTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

20 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise

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- 1 appropriated, the sum of ~~\$200,000~~\$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
- 2 the legislative management for the purpose of contracting for a performance audit of the
- 3 ~~department of commerce and the~~ North Dakota development fund, for the biennium beginning
- 4 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.