

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1603

Introduced by

Representatives Brown, Davis, Finley-DeVillie, Ista, Nelson

Senators Boschee, Braunberger, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state historical society for Native American
2 grave protection and repatriation projects.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - NATIVE AMERICAN**
5 **GRAVE PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION PROJECTS.**

6 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not
7 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
8 necessary, to the state historical society for projects to allow the state to comply with
9 the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, for the biennium
10 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

11 2. The state historical society may use the funding provided under this section to:

12 a. ~~Provide grants to tribal entities to consult with museums, federal agencies, and~~
13 ~~institutions to facilitate the repatriation of Native American human remains,~~
14 ~~funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.~~

15 ~~b. Provide grants to museums and cultural institutions for the purpose of improving~~
16 ~~the identification, inventory, and repatriation of Native American cultural items.~~

17 ~~c. Enhance state and tribal capacity to manage and oversee compliance efforts,~~
18 ~~including funding for staffing, training, and consultation with affected~~
19 ~~communities.~~

20 ~~d. Conduct field surveys, inventories, and documentation of cultural items.~~

- 1 ~~e. Pay for administrative, legal, and training costs related to compliance with federal~~
2 ~~requirements and for the development of training materials and~~
3 ~~workshops~~ Provide grants to enhance the shared ability to manage and oversee
4 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act compliance efforts
5 including funding for staffing, training, and consultation with tribal historical
6 preservation offices pursuant to agreements entered under chapter 54-40.2.
- 7 b. To consult with North Dakota museums, federal agencies, and institutions to aid
8 with the repatriation of North Dakota tribal Native American human remains,
9 funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.
- 10 c. Provide grants to North Dakota museums and North Dakota tribal cultural
11 institutions for the purpose of improving the identification, inventory, and
12 repatriation of Native American North Dakota tribal cultural items.
- 13 d. Conduct field surveys, inventories, and documentation of repatriated cultural
14 items.
- 15 e. Pay for administrative, legal, and training costs related to compliance with federal
16 requirements and for the development of training materials and workshops.
- 17 3. The state historical society shall prioritize the use of funding for projects that directly
18 address the repatriation of culturally significant human remains and funerary objects,
19 provide consultation opportunities between tribes and institutions holding Native
20 American collections, and assist tribes in the development of long-term cultural
21 preservation plans.
- 22 4. The state historical society shall establish a committee comprised of representatives of
23 the state historical society and representatives of tribal historic preservation offices.
24 The committee shall assist with the compliance efforts to prioritize the use of funding
25 for projects that directly address the compliance of repatriation of culturally significant
26 human remains and funerary objects.
- 27 5. The state historical society shall establish a timeline for the repatriation of identified
28 items to tribal communities.