

**HOUSE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Berg

1 A BILL for an Act to create a government innovation and efficiency grant program; and to  
2 provide a continuing appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Government innovation and efficiency grant program - Line of credit**  
5 **- Continuing appropriation.**

- 6 1. The office of management and budget shall establish and administer a government  
7 innovation and efficiency grant program to reduce the long-term cost of state  
8 government operations. All executive branch state agencies and institutions are  
9 eligible to participate in the program.
- 10 2. A state agency or institution may submit to the office of management and budget a  
11 proposal to reduce expenditures for the agency or institution or a proposal to  
12 improve services provided without an increase in the long-term costs for the  
13 agency or institution. The office of management and budget shall review every  
14 proposal to determine whether the proposal will result in a reduction to the  
15 long-term cost of state government operations or improve public services without  
16 an increase in long-term costs and shall approve or reject the proposal.
- 17 3. A state agency or institution that submits a proposal that is approved by the office  
18 of management and budget is entitled to receive a grant in the amount of fifty  
19 percent of any projected savings for a four-year period or an amount equivalent to  
20 up to fifty percent of the estimated value of improved service for a four-year period  
21 as determined by the office of management and budget. An agency or institution  
22 may use the grant funding for state employee bonuses, state employee early  
23 retirement incentives, including the purchase of years of service credit and health

- 1                   insurance premiums for up to twenty-four months, and for other expenditures that  
2                   do not increase the agency's or institution's ongoing funding needs.
- 3           4.   The office of management and budget may obtain a line of credit from the Bank of  
4                   North Dakota of up to five hundred thousand dollars which is appropriated on a  
5                   continuing basis to the office of management and budget for the purpose of  
6                   providing grants under the government innovation and efficiency grant program.  
7                   The office of management and budget shall request funding from the legislative  
8                   assembly to repay any outstanding line of credit balance, including accrued  
9                   interest.