

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a study on the impact of the Fargo diversion project.

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

3 **SECTION 1.**

4 **State water commission study of Fargo diversion project.**

5 During the 2015-16 interim, the state water commission shall contract ~~for a~~with North
6 Dakota state university to expand the scope of the university's existing study of the impact of
7 the Fargo diversion project ~~and review retention as an alternative to diversion.~~ The ~~expanded~~
8 study must focus on the impacts in the area outside the area recognized by the army corps of
9 engineers for which mitigation is required. The ~~expanded~~ study must include the effect of
10 diversion on the price of crop insurance; the sale and rental price of land; the taxable valuation
11 of property; and schools, fire protection, townships, and counties ~~from changes in taxable~~
12 valuation. The ~~expanded~~ study must determine the impact on business, communications,
13 historical areas, and schools. ~~The study also must determine the buildings and structures that~~
14 ~~will need to be ring-diked and estimate the cost of ring dikes, including ring dikes for churches~~
15 ~~and cemeteries. The study must include a plan to provide access to emergency responders in~~
16 ~~case of a flood and the cost of the access.~~ The ~~expanded~~ study must be completed during the
17 2015-16 interim and the state water commission shall present a report of the completed
18 ~~expanded~~ study to the legislative management's water topics overview committee.