

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Energy Development and Transmission Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 17-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
2 to the ~~oil and gas development strategic planning authority~~western infrastructure strategy office;
3 and to provide ~~a continuing~~an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 17-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as
6 follows:

7 **17-10-01. ~~Oil and gas development strategic planning authority~~Western infrastructure**
8 **strategy office.**

9 The ~~oil and gas development strategic planning authority~~western infrastructure strategy
10 office is governed by the ~~industrial commission. The industrial commission~~department of
11 commerce. The department of commerce shall appoint a director and the director may ~~hire~~
12 ~~employees or~~ contract for services for the completion of the director's duties within the limits of
13 legislative appropriations.

14 **17-10-02. ~~Oil and gas development strategic planning~~Duties of the western**
15 **infrastructure strategy office.**

16 The ~~authority~~director shall develop and maintain a current comprehensive strategic plan to
17 identify the current and future regional infrastructure needs of counties and communities
18 affected by oil and gas development through the collection and analysis of information and
19 opinions of state and local governmental entities and stakeholders involved in and affected by
20 oil and gas development.

21 **17-10-03. Duties of the director.**

22 The director shall collect information from available resources and through studies directed
23 by the ~~industrial commission~~department of commerce, as well as the North Dakota association
24 of oil and gas producing counties, analyze information from all available sources, and create a

1 strategic plan to address and prioritize the current and future impacts and infrastructure needs
2 of the state and counties and communities affected by oil and gas development. The director
3 shall consult and cooperate with state and local governmental entities, oil and gas industry
4 representatives, landowners, mineral owners, and other stakeholders involved in and affected
5 by oil and gas development. For the plan, the director must include an analysis of all current
6 funding, programs, and incentives used to address impacts and infrastructure needs.

7 As directed by the ~~industrial commission~~department of commerce, the director shall analyze
8 any changes or additions to funding, programs, and incentives to meet impacts and
9 infrastructure needs. The director shall make recommendations to the ~~industrial-~~
10 commissiondepartment of commerce to make the most efficient use of state and local resources
11 to meet the current and future impacts and infrastructure needs of the state and counties and
12 communities affected by oil and gas development. The director may make recommendations for
13 future areas of study and improved gathering of information and, as requested, coordinate and
14 direct state-funded studies relating to western infrastructure and impacts. The director shall
15 update the plan and recommendations based on changing conditions.

16 ~~**17-10-04. Oil and gas development strategic planning authority administrative fund --**~~
17 ~~**Continuing appropriation.**~~

18 ~~— There is created an oil and gas development strategic planning authority administrative~~
19 ~~fund.~~

20 ~~— 1. Revenue to the fund must include:~~

21 ~~— a. Moneys received from the state's oil and gas research council administrative~~
22 ~~budget.~~

23 ~~— b. Moneys received from any federal agency for the purpose of this section.~~

24 ~~— c. Moneys donated to the authority for the purpose of this section.~~

25 ~~— d. Moneys received from the state's oil and gas impact fund.~~

26 ~~— e. Such other moneys as may be deposited in the fund for use in carrying out the~~
27 ~~purposes of the authority.~~

28 ~~— 2. This fund must be maintained as a special fund and all moneys transferred into the~~
29 ~~fund are appropriated on a continuing basis and must be used and disbursed solely for~~
30 ~~the purpose of defraying the administrative costs incurred by the authority.~~

1 ~~3. Utilizing funds from the oil and gas research fund, the industrial commission shall~~
2 ~~contract for or hire staffing necessary to effectively administer the authority.~~

3 **17-10-0517-10-04. Reporting requirements.**

4 The ~~authority~~director shall deliver a written report on ~~its~~the western infrastructure strategy
5 office's activities to the legislative council each biennium. The ~~authority~~western infrastructure
6 strategy office is not subject to the requirements of chapter 54-60.1, but to ensure public
7 accountability, the ~~authority~~director shall provide an annual report to the ~~industrial~~
8 ~~commission~~department of commerce detailing activities and expenditures incurred during the
9 preceding year. ~~The director shall provide annual updates to the budget section of the legislative~~
10 ~~management, the North Dakota association of oil and gas producing counties, and the~~
11 ~~legislative management.~~

12 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
13 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much of the
14 sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of establishing the
15 western infrastructure strategy office, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending
16 June 30, 2017.