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Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2356**

Introduced by

Senators Miller, Rust, Warner

Representatives Damschen, M. Nelson, Zubke

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of abandoned gravel pit
2 reclamation practices and standards.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - RECLAMATION PRACTICES.**

5 During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying abandoned
6 gravel pit reclamation practices. The study may address the feasibility and desirability of utilizing
7 state funds for the reclamation of abandoned gravel pits and financially difficult reclamation
8 projects on state and county lands, for the purpose of restoring land for farming, ranching, or
9 other economic enterprises. The study may emphasize consideration of the potential economic
10 benefit of restored land. The study may include consideration of current reclamation practices
11 and standards for all North Dakota industries; use of the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund or
12 other funds for financing; and input from departments, organizations, and associations with
13 interest in reclamation practices. The legislative management shall report its findings and
14 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
15 the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.