

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to legislative management studies of state agency fees.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Legislative interim committee review of state agency fees.**

7 1. During each interim, the legislative management shall assign to one or more interim
8 committees a study of selected state agency fees as provided in this section. The
9 legislative management shall assign the studies in a manner that provides for the
10 review of each state agency fee at least once every ten years.

11 2. An interim committee assigned a fee study shall request the appropriate state agency
12 to prepare an analysis of each selected state agency fee. The analysis must include:

13 a. A comparison of revenue generated by the fee to the cost incurred to provide the
14 services associated with the fee;

15 b. The history of the fee, including when it was created and any subsequent
16 changes;

17 c. The appropriateness of the fee amount and the affordability of the fee to the
18 public; and

19 d. The appropriateness of using other government revenues to pay a portion of
20 services associated with the fee and the effect of the use of other revenues.

21 3. An interim committee assigned a fee study shall:

22 a. Consider, as part of the study:

- 1 (1) Whether revenue from the fee should cover the entire cost of the services
2 associated with the fee or whether the cost of the services should be
3 subsidized by another revenue source;
4 (2) The appropriateness of the fee amount; and
5 (3) The appropriateness of the use of the fee revenue.
6 b. Report its findings and recommendations to the legislative management. As part
7 of its recommendations, the committee shall identify potential state agency fees
8 to be reviewed during the subsequent interim.
9 4. Any state agency authorized by the legislative assembly to impose a fee shall provide
10 data and analysis as requested by the interim committee conducting a study under this
11 section.