

HOUSE BILL NO. 1303

Introduced by

Representative M. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the parks and recreation department for
2 improving access to national grasslands and for defending any lawsuits relating to access to the
3 national grasslands; and to provide for a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - REPORT**
6 **TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
7 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so
8 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the parks and recreation department, for the purpose
9 of improving access to national grasslands in the state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019,
10 and ending June 30, 2021. Of the \$3,000,000 appropriation, \$2,000,000 must be allocated for
11 the purpose of improving access to national grasslands in the state and \$1,000,000 must be
12 allocated for the purpose of defending any lawsuits filed against the state relating to access to
13 the national grasslands. After June 30, 2020, the department may use any funds not anticipated
14 to be needed for improving access to the national grasslands for defending any lawsuits filed
15 against the state relating to access to the national grasslands. Before July 1, 2020, the
16 department shall provide a report to the legislative management regarding the department's
17 efforts to improve access to national grasslands and the status of any potential lawsuits filed
18 against the state relating to access to the national grasslands.