

HOUSE BILL NO. 1519

Introduced by

Representatives Hagert, Nathe, O'Brien, Porter, Stemen

Senators Bekkedahl, Meyer, Weber

1 A BILL for an Act to provide appropriations to the department of transportation, department of
2 health and human services, department of career and technical education, department of
3 agriculture, and industrial commission for ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft system, autonomous
4 vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants; and to provide a report.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**
7 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
8 **MANAGEMENT.**

- 9 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,
10 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~\$250,000, or so much of the sum
11 as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for the purpose of
12 ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous
13 technology grants to political subdivisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,
14 and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this section is considered a
15 one-time funding item.
- 16 2. The department of transportation shall develop an application process and guidelines
17 for the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching
18 requirements. The department of transportation may require a political subdivision to
19 provide one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be
20 eligible for a grant, a political subdivision shall certify to the department of
21 transportation that the operation of the ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft system,
22 autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology is related to inspecting,
23 operating, maintaining, or construction of critical infrastructure.

- 1 3. A political subdivision may use grant funding to purchase or lease ~~unmanned~~uncrewed
2 aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to support
3 the operations of ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other
4 autonomous technologies; to contract for services related to ~~unmanned~~uncrewed
5 aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other
6 eligible uses related to ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or
7 other autonomous technology operations as determined by the department of
8 transportation.
- 9 4. During the 2023-24 interim, the department of transportation shall provide at least
10 one report to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant
11 recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.

12 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**
13 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO**
14 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

- 15 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,
16 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~\$250,000, or so much of the sum
17 as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose
18 of ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous
19 technology grants to emergency medical services providers, for the biennium
20 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this
21 section is considered a one-time funding item.
- 22 2. The department of health and human services shall develop an application process
23 and guidelines for the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and
24 matching requirements. The department of health and human services may require an
25 emergency medical services provider to provide one dollar of matching funds for every
26 four dollars awarded by the state. To be eligible for a grant, an emergency medical
27 services provider shall certify to the department of health and human services that the
28 operation of the ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other
29 autonomous technology is related to providing or enhancing emergency medical
30 services in rural areas of the state.

1 3. An emergency medical services provider may use grant funding to purchase or lease
2 ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous
3 technologies; to support the operations of ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems,
4 autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to contract for services
5 related to ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other
6 autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses related to ~~unmanneduncrewed~~
7 aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology operations as
8 determined by the department of health and human services.

9 4. During the 2023-24 interim, the department of health and human services shall
10 provide at least one report to the legislative management regarding the grants,
11 including a list of grant recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use
12 of the grant funding.

13 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**
14 **DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - ONE-TIME FUNDING -**
15 **REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

16 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,
17 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~\$250,000, or so much of the sum
18 as may be necessary, to the department of career and technical education for the
19 purpose of ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other
20 autonomous technology grants to a workforce training center serving the northwest
21 area of the state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.
22 The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

23 2. The department of career and technical education shall develop an application
24 process and guidelines for the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant
25 awards, and matching requirements. The department of career and technical
26 education may require a workforce training center to provide one dollar of matching
27 funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be eligible for a grant, a
28 workforce training center shall certify to the department of career and technical
29 education that the operation of the ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft system, autonomous
30 vehicle, or other autonomous technology is related to workforce or educational training

1 with ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous
2 technologies.

- 3 3. A workforce training center may use grant funding to purchase or lease
4 ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous
5 technologies; to support the operations of ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft systems,
6 autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to contract for services
7 related to ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other
8 autonomous technologies; for educational or training curriculum expenses related to
9 ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous
10 technologies; or for other eligible uses related to ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft system,
11 autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology operations as determined by
12 the department of career and technical education.

- 13 4. During the 2023-24 interim, the department of career and technical education shall
14 provide at least one report to the legislative management regarding the grants,
15 including a list of grant recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use
16 of the grant funding.

17 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
19 **MANAGEMENT.**

- 20 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,
21 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~\$250,000, or so much of the sum
22 as may be necessary, to the department of agriculture for the purpose of
23 ~~unmanned~~uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous
24 technology grants to individuals and entities in the agriculture industry, for the
25 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in
26 this section is considered a one-time funding item.
- 27 2. The department of agriculture shall develop an application process and guidelines for
28 the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching
29 requirements. The department of agriculture may require an individual or entity to
30 provide one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be
31 eligible for a grant, an individual or entity shall certify to the department of agriculture

1 that the operation of the ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or
2 other autonomous technology is related to inspecting, operating, maintaining, or
3 construction of agriculture property or infrastructure.

- 4 3. An individual or entity may use grant funding to purchase or lease
5 ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous
6 technologies; to support the operations of ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems,
7 autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to contract for services
8 related to ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other
9 autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses related to ~~unmanneduncrewed~~
10 aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology operations as
11 determined by the department of agriculture.
- 12 4. During the 2023-24 interim, the department of agriculture shall provide at least
13 one report to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant
14 recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.

15 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**
16 **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
17 **MANAGEMENT.**

- 18 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,
19 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~\$250,000, or so much of the sum
20 as may be necessary, to the industrial commission for the purpose of
21 ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous
22 technology grants to individuals and entities in the oil and gas industry, for the
23 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in
24 this section is considered a one-time funding item.
- 25 2. The industrial commission shall develop an application process and guidelines for the
26 grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching
27 requirements. The industrial commission may require an individual or entity to provide
28 one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be eligible
29 for a grant, an individual or entity shall certify to the industrial commission that the
30 operation of the ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other

- 1 autonomous technology is related to inspecting, operating, maintaining, or
2 construction of oil and gas infrastructure.
- 3 3. An individual or entity may use grant funding to purchase or lease
4 ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous
5 technologies; to support the operations of ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems,
6 autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to contract for services
7 related to ~~unmanneduncrewed~~ aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other
8 autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses related to ~~unmanneduncrewed~~
9 aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology operations as
10 determined by the industrial commission.
- 11 4. During the 2023-24 interim, the industrial commission shall provide at least one report
12 to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant recipients,
13 the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.