

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide ~~appropriations to the department of transportation, department of~~
2 ~~health and human services,~~an appropriation to the department of career and technical
3 education,~~department of agriculture, and industrial commission~~ for uncrewed aircraft system,
4 autonomous 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 \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be~~
11 ~~necessary, to the department of transportation for the purpose of uncrewed aircraft~~
12 ~~system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants to political~~
13 ~~subdivisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The~~
14 ~~funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.~~

15 ~~2. The department of transportation shall develop an application process and guidelines~~
16 ~~for the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching~~
17 ~~requirements. The department of transportation may require a political subdivision to~~
18 ~~provide one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be~~
19 ~~eligible for a grant, a political subdivision shall certify to the department of~~
20 ~~transportation that the operation of the uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle,~~
21 ~~or other autonomous technology is related to inspecting, operating, maintaining, or~~
22 ~~construction of critical infrastructure.~~

23 ~~3. A political subdivision may use grant funding to purchase or lease uncrewed aircraft~~
24 ~~systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to support the~~

1 ~~operations of uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous~~
2 ~~technologies; to contract for services related to uncrewed aircraft systems,~~
3 ~~autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses~~
4 ~~related to uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous~~
5 ~~technology operations as determined by the department of transportation.~~

6 ~~4. During the 2023-24 interim, the department of transportation shall provide at least~~
7 ~~one report to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant~~
8 ~~recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.~~

9 ~~**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION – FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND –**~~
10 ~~**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – ONE-TIME FUNDING – REPORT TO**~~
11 ~~**LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**~~

12 ~~1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,~~
13 ~~not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be~~
14 ~~necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of~~
15 ~~uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology~~
16 ~~grants to emergency medical services providers, for the biennium beginning July 1,~~
17 ~~2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this section is considered a~~
18 ~~one-time funding item.~~

19 ~~2. The department of health and human services shall develop an application process~~
20 ~~and guidelines for the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and~~
21 ~~matching requirements. The department of health and human services may require an~~
22 ~~emergency medical services provider to provide one dollar of matching funds for every~~
23 ~~four dollars awarded by the state. To be eligible for a grant, an emergency medical~~
24 ~~services provider shall certify to the department of health and human services that the~~
25 ~~operation of the uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous~~
26 ~~technology is related to providing or enhancing emergency medical services in rural~~
27 ~~areas of the state.~~

28 ~~3. An emergency medical services provider may use grant funding to purchase or lease~~
29 ~~uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies;~~
30 ~~to support the operations of uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other~~
31 ~~autonomous technologies; to contract for services related to uncrewed aircraft~~

~~systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses related to uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology operations as determined by the department of health and human services.~~

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -
DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - ONE-TIME FUNDING -
REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$250,000~~\$750,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants to a workforce training center serving the northwest area of the state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.
2. The department of career and technical education shall develop an application process and guidelines for the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching requirements. The department of career and technical education may require a workforce training center to provide one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be eligible for a grant, a workforce training center shall certify to the department of career and technical education that the operation of the uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology is related to workforce or educational training with uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies.
3. A workforce training center may use grant funding to purchase or lease uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to support the operations of uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to contract for services related to uncrewed aircraft

1 systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; for educational or
2 training curriculum expenses related to uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous
3 vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses related to
4 uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology
5 operations as determined by the department of career and technical education.

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

10 ~~SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION -- FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND --~~
11 ~~DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE -- ONE-TIME FUNDING -- REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE-~~
12 ~~MANAGEMENT.~~

13 ~~1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,~~
14 ~~not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be~~
15 ~~necessary, to the department of agriculture for the purpose of uncrewed aircraft~~
16 ~~system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants to individuals~~
17 ~~and entities in the agriculture industry, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and~~
18 ~~ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time~~
19 ~~funding item.~~

20 ~~2. The department of agriculture shall develop an application process and guidelines for~~
21 ~~the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching~~
22 ~~requirements. The department of agriculture may require an individual or entity to~~
23 ~~provide one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be~~
24 ~~eligible for a grant, an individual or entity shall certify to the department of agriculture~~
25 ~~that the operation of the uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other~~
26 ~~autonomous technology is related to inspecting, operating, maintaining, or~~
27 ~~construction of agriculture property or infrastructure.~~

28 ~~3. An individual or entity may use grant funding to purchase or lease uncrewed aircraft~~
29 ~~systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to support the~~
30 ~~operations of uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous~~
31 ~~technologies; to contract for services related to uncrewed aircraft systems,~~

1 ~~autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses~~
2 ~~related to uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous~~
3 ~~technology operations as determined by the department of agriculture.~~

4 ~~4. During the 2023-24 interim, the department of agriculture shall provide at least~~
5 ~~one report to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant~~
6 ~~recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.~~

7 ~~**SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**~~
8 ~~**INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**~~
9 ~~**MANAGEMENT.**~~

10 ~~1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,~~
11 ~~not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be~~
12 ~~necessary, to the industrial commission for the purpose of uncrewed aircraft system,~~
13 ~~autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants to individuals and entities~~
14 ~~in the oil and gas industry, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending~~
15 ~~June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding~~
16 ~~item.~~

17 ~~2. The industrial commission shall develop an application process and guidelines for the~~
18 ~~grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching~~
19 ~~requirements. The industrial commission may require an individual or entity to provide~~
20 ~~one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be eligible~~
21 ~~for a grant, an individual or entity shall certify to the industrial commission that the~~
22 ~~operation of the uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous~~
23 ~~technology is related to inspecting, operating, maintaining, or construction of oil and~~
24 ~~gas infrastructure.~~

25 ~~3. An individual or entity may use grant funding to purchase or lease uncrewed aircraft~~
26 ~~systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to support the~~
27 ~~operations of uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous~~
28 ~~technologies; to contract for services related to uncrewed aircraft systems,~~
29 ~~autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses~~
30 ~~related to uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous~~
31 ~~technology operations as determined by the industrial commission.~~

1 ~~4. During the 2023-24 interim, the industrial commission shall provide at least~~
2 ~~one report to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant~~
3 ~~recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.~~