Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1544

Introduced by

Legislative Management

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for workforce development grants and to defray the expenses of the office of legal immigration; to create and enact subsection 6 of section 10-30.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to use of the North Dakota development fund; to provide for a legislative management report; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME FUNDING. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, there is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the following amounts, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce:

1. $500,000 for the purpose of providing workforce development grants to a tribally controlled community college in the Turtle Mountain area. To be eligible for a grant under this section, a tribally controlled community college shall partner with at least one high school in the state for programs under section 54-60.2-02. During the 2023-24 interim, a tribally controlled community college receiving funding under this program shall report to the department of commerce by August 1, 2024, regarding the use of grant funds and the department of commerce shall provide a report to the legislative management by October 1, 2024, regarding the use of grant funds. The funding provided in this subsection is considered a one-time funding item.
2. $2,000,000 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office of legal immigration. The funding provided in this subsection is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 2. Subsection 6 of section 10-30.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

6. Moneys in the fund may be used to provide financing for projects that enhance production of clean sustainable energy in the state only to the extent the project has been recommended by the clean sustainable energy authority under chapter 54-63.1.

SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. This Act applies retroactively to July 1, 2023.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with the secretary of state.