

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 emergency services, department of career and
3 technical education, and department of agriculture, ~~and industrial commission~~ for uncrewed
4 aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants; and to provide a
5 report.

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

7 ~~SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION -- FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND --~~
8 ~~DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION -- 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 department of transportation for the purpose of uncrewed aircraft~~
13 ~~system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants to political~~
14 ~~subdivisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The~~
15 ~~funding provided in this section is considered a 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 uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle,~~
22 ~~or other autonomous technology is related to inspecting, operating, maintaining, or~~
23 ~~construction of critical infrastructure.~~

1 ~~3. A political subdivision may use grant funding to purchase or lease uncrewed aircraft~~
2 ~~systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to support the~~
3 ~~operations of uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous~~
4 ~~technologies; to contract for services related to uncrewed aircraft systems,~~
5 ~~autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses~~
6 ~~related to uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous~~
7 ~~technology operations as determined by the department of transportation.~~

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

11 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**
12 **~~DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES~~DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY**
13 **SERVICES - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

14 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,
15 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$250,000~~\$300,000, or so much of the sum as
16 may be necessary, to the ~~department of health and human services~~department of
17 emergency services for the purpose of uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle,
18 or other autonomous technology grants to emergency medical services providers, for
19 the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided
20 in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

21 2. The ~~department of health and human services~~department of emergency services shall
22 develop an application process and guidelines for the grants, including eligibility
23 criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching requirements. The ~~department of~~
24 ~~health and human services~~department of emergency 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~~
28 ~~services~~department of emergency services that the operation of the uncrewed aircraft
29 system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology is related to providing
30 or enhancing emergency medical services in rural areas of the state.

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

13 **SECTION 2. 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 ~~\$250,000~~\$500,000, or so much of the sum as
18 may be necessary, to the department of career and technical education for the
19 purpose of uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous
20 technology grants to a workforce training center serving the northwest area of the
21 state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding
22 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 uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or
30 other autonomous technology is related to workforce or educational training with
31 uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies.

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

14 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**
15 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
16 **MANAGEMENT.**

- 17 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,
18 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$250,000~~\$300,000, or so much of the sum as
19 may be necessary, to the department of agriculture for the purpose of uncrewed
20 aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants to
21 individuals and entities in the agriculture industry, for the biennium beginning July 1,
22 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this section is considered a
23 one-time funding item.
- 24 2. The department of agriculture shall develop an application process and guidelines for
25 the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant awards, and matching
26 requirements. The department of agriculture may require an individual or entity to
27 provide one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be
28 eligible for a grant, an individual or entity shall certify to the department of agriculture
29 that the operation of the uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other
30 autonomous technology is related to inspecting, operating, maintaining, or
31 construction of agriculture property or infrastructure.

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

11 ~~SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -~~
12 ~~INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE~~
13 ~~MANAGEMENT.~~

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

1 ~~technologies; to contract for services related to uncrewed aircraft systems,~~
2 ~~autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses~~
3 ~~related to uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous~~
4 ~~technology operations as determined by the industrial commission.~~
5 ~~4. During the 2023-24 interim, the industrial commission shall provide at least one report~~
6 ~~to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant recipients,~~
7 ~~the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1519

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1682-1685 of the House Journal and pages 1435-1437 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1519 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, remove "department of transportation, department of"

Page 1, line 2, replace "health and human services" with "department of emergency services"

Page 1, line 2, after the second comma insert "and"

Page 1, line 3, remove ", and industrial commission"

Page 1, remove lines 6 through 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 8

Page 2, line 10, replace "**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**" with "**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**"

Page 2, line 13, replace "\$250,000" with "\$300,000"

Page 2, line 14, replace "department of health and human services" with "department of emergency services"

Page 2, line 19, replace "department of health and human services" with "department of emergency services"

Page 2, line 21, replace "department of health and human services" with "department of emergency services"

Page 2, line 24, replace "department of health and human services" with "department of emergency services"

Page 3, line 3, remove "department of health and human"

Page 3, line 4, replace "services" with "department of emergency services"

Page 3, line 5, replace "department of health and human services" with "department of emergency services"

Page 3, line 13, replace "\$250,000" with "\$500,000"

Page 4, line 14, replace "\$250,000" with "\$300,000"

Page 5, remove lines 7 through 31

Page 6, remove lines 1 through 3

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1519 - Summary of Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Dept. of Career and Technical Education						
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	(\$250,000)
Less estimated income	0	250,000	250,000	500,000	750,000	(250,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DHHS - Other						
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	250,000	(250,000)	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Industrial Commission						
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	250,000	(250,000)	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department of Emergency Services						
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	0	300,000	300,000	0	300,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department of Agriculture						
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	250,000	50,000	300,000	0	300,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department of Transportation						
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	250,000	(250,000)	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$0	\$1,250,000	(\$150,000)	\$1,100,000	\$750,000	\$350,000
Less estimated income	0	1,250,000	(150,000)	1,100,000	750,000	350,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

House Bill No. 1519 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Unmanned aircraft system grants						
		\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	(\$250,000)
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	(\$250,000)
Less estimated income	0	250,000	250,000	500,000	750,000	(250,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 270 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for UAS Grants ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Unmanned aircraft system grants	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is increased by \$250,000 from federal funds derived from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide a total of \$500,000 to the Department of Career and Technical Education for autonomous technology grants. The House provided \$250,000, and the Senate provided \$750,000 for the grants.

House Bill No. 1519 - DHHS - Other - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Unmanned aircraft system grants		\$250,000	(\$250,000)			
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	250,000	(250,000)	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 325 - DHHS - Other - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Removes Funding for UAS Grants ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Unmanned aircraft system grants	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
Total all funds	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
Less estimated income	(250,000)	(250,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding of \$250,000 from federal funds derived from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services is removed for autonomous technology grants. The House provided \$250,000, and the Senate removed the funding.

House Bill No. 1519 - Industrial Commission - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Unmanned aircraft system grants		\$250,000	(\$250,000)			
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	250,000	(250,000)	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 405 - Industrial Commission - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Removes Funding for UAS Grants¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Unmanned aircraft system grants	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
Total all funds	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
Less estimated income	(250,000)	(250,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding of \$250,000 from federal funds derived from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Industrial Commission is removed for autonomous technology grants. The House provided \$250,000, and the Senate removed the funding.

House Bill No. 1519 - Department of Emergency Services - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Unmanned aircraft system grants			\$300,000	\$300,000		\$300,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	0	300,000	300,000	0	300,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 542 - Department of Emergency Services - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds Funding for UAS Grants¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Unmanned aircraft system grants	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total all funds	\$300,000	\$300,000
Less estimated income	300,000	300,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding of \$300,000 from federal funds derived from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Emergency Services is added for autonomous technology grants related to rural emergency medical services. The House provided \$250,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for the grants, and the Senate removed the funding.

House Bill No. 1519 - Department of Agriculture - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Unmanned aircraft system grants		\$250,000	\$50,000	\$300,000		\$300,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	250,000	50,000	300,000	0	300,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for UAS Grants ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Unmanned aircraft system grants	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total all funds	\$50,000	\$50,000
Less estimated income	50,000	50,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding of \$50,000 from federal funds derived from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Agriculture is added for autonomous technology grants to provide total funding of \$300,000. The House provided \$250,000, and the Senate removed the funding.

House Bill No. 1519 - Department of Transportation - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Unmanned aircraft system grants		\$250,000	(\$250,000)			
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	250,000	(250,000)	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 801 - Department of Transportation - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Removes Funding for UAS Grants ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Unmanned aircraft system grants	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
Total all funds	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
Less estimated income	(250,000)	(250,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding of \$250,000 from federal funds derived from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Transportation is removed for autonomous technology grants. The House provided \$250,000, and the Senate removed the funding.