

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1568  
with Senate Amendments**

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Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, Klemin, Dobervich, McLeod, Murphy, O'Brien

Senators Hogan, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to the creation of the North Dakota Ireland trade commission; to provide for a  
3 legislative management report; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
6 enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota Ireland trade commission - Membership.**

8 1. The North Dakota Ireland trade commission shall:

- 9 a. Advance bilateral trade and investment between the state and Ireland;  
10 b. Initiate joint action on issues of mutual interest to the state and Ireland;  
11 c. Promote business and academic exchanges between the state and Ireland;  
12 d. Encourage mutual economic support between the state and Ireland;  
13 e. Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of the state and Ireland; and  
14 f. Address any other issues deemed to be of mutual benefit to the state and  
15 Ireland.

16 2. The North Dakota Ireland trade commission consists of:

- 17 a. Two members of the senate, appointed by the majority leader of the senate;  
18 b. Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the majority leader  
19 of the house;  
20 c. The executive director of the North Dakota trade office;  
21 d. An individual knowledgeable of and interested in the promotion of international  
22 trade, appointed by the executive director of the North Dakota trade office; and

- 1           e. The agriculture commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.
- 2           3. Each appointed member shall serve for a term of two years. If a position becomes
- 3           vacant, the position must be filled for the duration of the term in the same manner as
- 4           the original appointment.
- 5           4. At the initial meeting of the commission and annually thereafter, the members shall
- 6           select one from among the four appointed legislators to serve as the chair.

7           **Administration - Meetings - Reimbursement.**

- 8           1. The North Dakota trade office shall provide administrative services to the North
- 9           Dakota Ireland trade commission and compensation under subsection 3.
- 10          2. The commission shall meet two to four times per year, as deemed necessary by the
- 11          chair, at the call of the chair.
- 12          3. Each member of the North Dakota Ireland trade commission may be reimbursed upon
- 13          request for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the member's duties at
- 14          the rate provided for members of the legislative assembly under subsection 1 of
- 15          section 54-03-20.

16          **Report to legislative management.**

17          On or before September first of each year, the North Dakota Ireland trade commission shall

18 provide a report to the legislative management. The report must include:

- 19          1. A description of the commission's work;
- 20          2. A description of benefits to the state, and to sectors involved in international trade,
- 21          attributable to the commission's efforts;
- 22          3. Recommendations for legislation that would support trade between the state and
- 23          Ireland; and
- 24          4. A summary of anticipated commission activities in the following year.

25          **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2029, and after that

26          date is ineffective.