

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1611

Introduced by

Representatives Finley-DeVille, Brown, Conmy

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding oil and chemical spills
2 on state highways within the Fort Berthold Reservation; and to provide an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - RISKS OF OIL AND CHEMICAL
5 SPILLS ON STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION. During the
6 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying environmental and public
7 health risks of oil and chemical spills on state highways within the Fort Berthold Reservation.
8 including the sampling and testing of hydrocarbons in the soil, air, and water, soil testing,
9 biological surveys, chemical analysis, and remediation recommendations. The study must
10 include input from the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and the
11 department of environmental quality; ~~and the department of health and human services.~~ The
12 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
13 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

14 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - RISKS OF OIL AND
15 CHEMICAL SPILLS ON STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE FORT BERTHOLD
16 RESERVATION - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
17 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$99,999, or so much
18 of the sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of contracting with a
19 tribally controlled college on the Fort Berthold Reservation to conduct the study provided in

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- 1 section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. This
- 2 funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.