

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO****HOUSE BILL NO. 1611**

Introduced by

Representatives Finley-DeVile, 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.