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LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY - BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM

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This memorandum provides information regarding the Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency.

In [House Bill No. 1442 \(2025\)](#), the Legislative Assembly created a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-35 through July 2031, to require the Legislative Management to create a Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency consisting of 10 members, including:

- The Director of the Office of Management and Budget;
- The Chief Operating Officer for the Governor's office;
- An elected statewide officer, appointed by the Governor;
- An individual residing in the state, appointed by the Governor;
- 3 members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- 3 members of the Senate, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.

The Chairman of the Legislative Management is required to select a legislator to serve as Chairman of the task force. Senator David Hogue, Chairman of the Legislative Management, selected Representative Nathan Toman to serve as Chairman of the task force for the 2025-26 interim.

Governor Kelly Armstrong appointed Joshua C. Gallion, State Auditor, and former Senator Jonathan Casper to the Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency for the 2025-26 interim.

The task force is required to:

- Meet at least once each calendar quarter or more frequently at the call of the Chairman;
- Review and analyze budgets and reports from executive branch agencies and the Supreme Court;
- Collaborate with and receive testimony from executive branch agencies and the Supreme Court;
- Identify areas to increase efficiency and methods to implement cost-saving measures;
- Determine areas of state government deemed unnecessary or duplicative;
- Target outdated or overly restrictive regulations;
- Find areas in which partnerships between the state and private industry would create innovative financing models to drive economic growth and job creation;
- Review the effectiveness and necessity of programs and laws created by the Legislative Assembly;
- Request the State Auditor or an independent private auditing firm to conduct program evaluations using generally accepted performance audit standards for state and local governments; and
- Submit an annual report to the Legislative Management detailing the task force's findings and progress implementing cost-saving measures and efficiencies along with any recommended legislation for introduction at the next legislative session.

OTHER DUTIES

In Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2308 (2025), the Legislative Assembly established a Boards Review Task Force to be staffed by the Governor's office. The Boards Review Task Force is required to provide a report to the Legislative Management before October 1, 2026, regarding its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation necessary to implement the recommendations. The Legislative Management assigned the duty to receive this report to the Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency.