

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1483**

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleeson, Ekstrom, Mueller, Hawken

Senators Erbele, Tallackson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.4-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to procurement of enviromentally preferable products.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.4-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-44.4-07. ~~Specification for paper products and inks~~ Procurement of**  
7 **environmentally preferable products.** The office of management and budget, the institutions  
8 of higher education, and any other state agency or institution that has authority to purchase  
9 products; are encouraged, ~~whenever possible when~~ to purchase environmentally preferable  
10 products.

11 1. Where practicable, specifications for purchasing newsprint printing services, to  
12 should specify the use of soybean-based ink. The North Dakota soybean council  
13 and the agriculture commissioner shall assist the office of management and budget  
14 in locating suppliers of soybean-based inks and in collecting data on the purchase  
15 of soybean-based inks.

16 2. In requesting bids for paper products, the office of management and budget must  
17 request information on the recycled content of such products.

18 3. Where practicable, biobased products must be specified.

19 The office of management and budget, in coordination with the state board of higher education,  
20 shall develop guidelines for a biobased procurement program.