

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a study on the impact of the Fargo diversion project.

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

3 **SECTION 1.**

4 **State water commission study of Fargo diversion project.**

5 During the 2015-16 interim, the state water commission shall contract for a study of the
6 impact of the Fargo diversion project and review retention as an alternative to diversion. The
7 study must focus on the impacts in the area outside the area recognized by the army corps of
8 engineers for which mitigation is required. The study must include the effect of diversion on the
9 price of crop insurance, the sale and rental price of land, the taxable valuation of property, and
10 schools, fire protection, townships, and counties from changes in taxable valuation. The study
11 must determine the impact on business, communications, historical areas, and schools. The
12 study also must determine the buildings and structures that will need to be ring-diked and
13 estimate the cost of ring dikes, including ring dikes for churches and cemeteries. The study
14 must include a plan to provide access to emergency responders in case of a flood and the cost
15 of the access. The study must be completed during the 2015-16 interim and the state water
16 commission shall present a report of the completed study to the legislative management's water
17 topics overview committee.