

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1061
(Legislative Management)
(Water Topics Overview Committee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-35-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the water topics overview committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-35-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-35-02.7. Water topics overview committee - Duties.

The legislative management, during each interim, shall appoint a water topics overview committee in the same manner as the legislative management appoints other interim committees. The committee must meet quarterly and is responsible for legislative overview of water topics and related matters, the Garrison diversion project, and for any necessary discussions with adjacent states on water topics. The committee shall work collaboratively with the state water commission to develop policies to further define the state role in major flood control projects. The committee shall prepare a schedule of priorities with respect to water projects. The state water commission and state engineer shall assist the committee in developing the schedule of priorities, and the committee may seek input from stakeholders within the state regarding water project priorities. The committee also shall study policies regarding the development and financing of municipal projects, including water treatment plants; pipelines, including pipeline expansion, public and industrial use of water, cost analysis of future project development, and ongoing maintenance cost of current and future projects; and technology, including the use of technology for permitting and electronic metering. During the 2013-14 interim, the committee shall review water supply routes and alternatives for the Red River valley water supply project and may meet with the state water commission. The legislative management shall designate the chairman of the committee. The committee shall operate according to the statutes and procedure governing the operation of other legislative management interim committees.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1061.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 1 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2015.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2015,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State