

Introduced by

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for an intermodal~~
2 ~~transportation assistance program.~~ for an Act to provide an appropriation to the agriculture
3 commissioner for an intermodal facility grant program; and to declare an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 ~~SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION -- STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS~~
6 ~~FUND -- ONE-TIME FUNDING.~~ There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic
7 investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
8 \$10,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for
9 the purpose of developing an intermodal transportation assistance program for the biennium
10 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The funding must be used for providing
11 grants to an organization dedicated to the purchase and development of an intermodal
12 transportation facility and expansion of intermodal infrastructure in the state. Grant funds
13 awarded must be used for the purchase of infrastructure assets, real property, and equipment
14 necessary for successful intermodal rail service in the state. The department of commerce shall
15 establish guidelines for the awarding of grants under the program. This funding is considered a
16 one-time funding item. _____

17 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS**
18 **FUND - INTERMODAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME**
19 **FUNDING.** There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital
20 projects fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as
21 may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of an intermodal facility
22 grant program for capital construction projects that will expand rail capacity to support economic
23 and workforce development and growth and enhance the value of agriculture and commercial
24 products exported through an intermodal facility in North Dakota for the period beginning with

1 the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2023. This funding is considered a one-time
2 funding item.

3 1. The agriculture commissioner shall establish guidelines for awarding grants under the
4 program.

5 2. Grants may be awarded only to an organization dedicated to the expansion of rail
6 capacity at an existing intermodal facility in the state connected to and served by a
7 class I railroad. Grant funds may be used only to pay for capital costs associated with
8 engineering, labor, equipment, and materials related to rail track expansion.

9 3. The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of
10 the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section,
11 determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal
12 coronavirus capital projects fund.

13 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.