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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a governor's initiative for North Dakota's lasting harvest.

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

3 **SECTION 1. GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE - NORTH DAKOTA'S LASTING HARVEST.**

4 1. During the 2011-13 and 2013-15 bienniums, the governor shall contract with a private
5 third party with experience in facilitating long-range planning to assist the governor in
6 all phases of the duties established under this section.

7 2. During the 2011-12 interim, the governor shall conduct at least thirty public meetings in
8 communities across the state in order to meet with citizens and other public and
9 private stakeholders to examine the current and anticipated future needs,
10 expectations, and goals in the state in order to gather information that will assist the
11 state in formulating a twenty-year plan for the state. The information gathered at these
12 public meetings must include economic as well as social and cultural information that
13 will assist the state in the development of a twenty-year plan that will help the state
14 develop in a strategic manner that creates a nurturing and vibrant environment for
15 business as well as North Dakota families.

16 3. During the 2011-13 and 2013-15 bienniums, the governor shall work with state
17 agencies to evaluate the information gathered at the public meetings and to use this
18 information in establishing a twenty-year plan to assist with multiple facets of strategic
19 growth and development for the state.

20 a. The plan must focus on how to transition from the state's current approach of
21 taking a one-time harvest of the state's minerals and related revenues to a state
22 approach that is based on a lasting harvest of North Dakota resources and
23 entrepreneurship and the resulting healthy and sustainable state growth.

- 1 b. The plan must include consideration of how the state can utilize the opportunities
- 2 made available by the North Dakota legacy fund in order to further the state's
- 3 long-term plan for development, including development and maintenance of the
- 4 state's infrastructure.
- 5 4. The governor shall work with state agencies to institutionalize and to develop a
- 6 legislative proposal to implement the state's twenty-year plan. As the state's
- 7 twenty-year plan is institutionalized and implemented, the governor and state agencies
- 8 shall continue to conduct ongoing review of and analyze the strengths, weaknesses,
- 9 and opportunities associated with the plan and revise the plan accordingly.