Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2032

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Energy Development and Transmission Committee)

A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 17-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the oil and gas development strategic planning authority; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Chapter 17-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

17-10-01. Oil and gas development strategic planning authority.

The oil and gas development strategic planning authority is governed by the industrial commission. The industrial commission shall appoint a director and the director may hire employees or contract for services for the completion of the director's duties within the limits of legislative appropriations.

17-10-02. Oil and gas development strategic planning.

The authority shall develop and maintain a current comprehensive strategic plan to identify the current and future regional infrastructure needs of counties and communities affected by oil and gas development through the collection and analysis of information and opinions of state and local governmental entities and stakeholders involved in and affected by oil and gas development.

17-10-03. Duties of the director.

The director shall collect information from available resources and through studies directed by the industrial commission, analyze information from all available sources, and create a strategic plan to address and prioritize the current and future impacts and infrastructure needs of the state and counties and communities affected by oil and gas development. The director shall consult and cooperate with state and local governmental entities, oil and gas industry representatives, landowners, mineral owners, and other stakeholders involved in and affected

by oil and gas development. For the plan, the director must include an analysis of all current funding, programs, and incentives used to address impacts and infrastructure needs.

As directed by the industrial commission, the director shall analyze any changes or additions to funding, programs, and incentives to meet impacts and infrastructure needs. The director shall make recommendations to the industrial commission to make the most efficient use of state and local resources to meet the current and future impacts and infrastructure needs of the state and counties and communities affected by oil and gas development. The director may make recommendations for future areas of study and improved gathering of information. The director shall update the plan and recommendations based on changing conditions.

17-10-04. Oil and gas development strategic planning authority administrative fund - Continuing appropriation.

There is created an oil and gas development strategic planning authority administrative fund.

1. Revenue to the fund must include:
   a. Moneys received from the state's oil and gas research council administrative budget.
   b. Moneys received from any federal agency for the purpose of this section.
   c. Moneys donated to the authority for the purpose of this section.
   d. Moneys received from the state's oil and gas impact fund.
   e. Such other moneys as may be deposited in the fund for use in carrying out the purposes of the authority.
2. This fund must be maintained as a special fund and all moneys transferred into the fund are appropriated on a continuing basis and must be used and disbursed solely for the purpose of defraying the administrative costs incurred by the authority.
3. Utilizing funds from the oil and gas research fund, the industrial commission shall contract for or hire staffing necessary to effectively administer the authority.

17-10-05. Reporting requirements.

The authority shall deliver a written report on its activities to the legislative council each biennium. The authority is not subject to the requirements of chapter 54-60.1, but to ensure public accountability, the authority shall provide an annual report to the industrial commission detailing activities and expenditures incurred during the preceding year.