

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for reports to the legislative management; and to provide for a  
2 legislative management study regarding agricultural commodity groups.

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

4 **SECTION 1. REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - COMMODITY**

5 **GROUPS.** Before January 1, 2018, each commodity group shall report to the legislative  
6 management regarding the organizational structure and operations of the commodity group.

7 Each report must include a description of:

- 8 1. The structure and staff of the organization and how the commodity group performs its  
9 responsibilities. The description must include the use of classified and unclassified  
10 state employees, temporary employees, contractors, paid and unpaid labor by the  
11 group, and hiring practices.
- 12 2. The major challenges currently facing the commodity group, including organizational  
13 structure challenges.
- 14 3. Any administrative rules, policies, procedures, guidelines, manuals, or other directives  
15 developed by the commodity group to implement statutes and govern group  
16 operations.
- 17 4. The relationship between the board and the producer organizations, including any  
18 commercial business endeavors.
- 19 5. The process used to determine the use of monies raised by or appropriated to the  
20 commodity group.
- 21 6. Contracts entered by the commodity group, including the procurement of goods and  
22 services, partnership agreements, grants, and sponsorships.
- 23 7. Historical commodity group fiscal year cash flow and revenue trends.

1       **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - COMMODITY GROUPS.** During the  
2 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying commodity groups. The  
3 study must include a review of the commodity group reports under section 2 of this Act and the  
4 legislative history of each commodity group. The study must include receipt of input from the  
5 commodity groups, growers' associations, agriculture commissioner, attorney general's office,  
6 and the office of management and budget. The study must include a review of attorney general  
7 opinions related to commodity groups. The study may include a review of the structure of  
8 commodity groups in other states. The legislative management shall report its findings and  
9 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
10 the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.