

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1542

Introduced by

Representatives Beadle, Mock, O'Brien, Roers Jones

Senators Kannianen, Meyer, Oehlke

1 A BILL for an Act to create a task force for the purpose of studying the needs and challenges of
2 North Dakota's autonomous ecosystem; and to provide for a report to the legislative
3 management.

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

**5 SECTION 1. TASK FORCE - AUTONOMOUS ECOSYSTEM - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE
6 MANAGEMENT.**

7 1. During the 2019-20 interim, a task force on North Dakota's autonomous ecosystem
8 shall gather information and develop recommendations regarding the needs and
9 challenges of autonomous systems and industries within the state.

10 2. The task force consists of:

11 a. Three members of the house of representatives, two of whom must be selected
12 by the majority leader of the house and one of whom must be selected by the
13 minority leader of the house;

14 b. Three members of the senate, two of whom must be selected by the majority
15 leader of the senate and one of whom must be selected by the minority leader of
16 the senate;

17 c. The state commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee;

18 d. The director of the department of transportation or the director's designee;

19 e. The commissioner of the department of commerce or the commissioner's
20 designee;

21 f. The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee; and

22 g. Two autonomous industry professionals who are residents of the state.

23 3. The commissioner of the department of commerce, or the commissioner's designee,
24 shall convene the task force. The task force shall elect a presiding officer by a majority

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- 1 vote of the membership of the task force. The task force shall meet at the call of
2 presiding officer.
- 3 4. The task force shall:
- 4 a. Gather information concerning the needs and challenges of autonomous systems
5 and industries within the state;
- 6 b. Receive reports and testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, and
7 other public and private organizations;
- 8 c. Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of state resources provided to the
9 autonomous systems and industry within the state; and
- 10 d. Determine the feasibility and desirability of developing and maintaining a central
11 data collection infrastructure that could provide technological assistance and
12 support to the state's growing autonomous ecosystem; and
- 13 5. The members of the task force who are not state employees are entitled to mileage
14 and expenses as provided by law for state officers and employees. A state employee
15 who is a member of the task force is entitled to receive that employee's regular salary
16 and is entitled to mileage and expenses to be paid by the employing agency.
- 17 6. Before July 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a final report of the task force's
18 recommendations, along with any proposed legislation necessary to implement the
19 recommendations, to the legislative management.