

SENATE BILL NO. 2176

Introduced by

Senator Luick

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a road train pilot program; to provide for a legislative
2 management study of a road train pilot program; to provide an appropriation; to provide an
3 expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROAD TRAIN PILOT PROGRAM -**

6 **REPORTS TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** In collaboration with South Dakota and
7 Minnesota transportation officials and agencies, and in consultation with a committee
8 designated by the legislative management, the department of transportation shall establish a
9 statewide road train pilot program. The department shall establish the parameters and policies
10 regarding the use of road trains on state highways, including designation of routes, hours of
11 operation, and length and weight restrictions. The department shall report to the legislative
12 management as requested by the legislative management.

13 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ROAD TRAIN PILOT PROGRAM.**

14 During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall study the feasibility and
15 desirability of creating a road train pilot program. The study must include consultation with the
16 department of transportation, highway patrol, agriculture commissioner, industrial commission,
17 department of commerce, the upper great plains transportation institute, and the governor. The
18 study must include an assessment of the federal regulations impacting road train operations,
19 the economic impact of permitting road train operations in the state, and the costs associated
20 with implementing a road train pilot program. The legislative council may contract for consulting
21 services to assist the legislative management in conducting the study. The legislative
22 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
23 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

1 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
2 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so much of the
3 sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of contracting consulting
4 services to assist the legislative management in conducting a study of the feasibility and
5 desirability of creating a road train pilot program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and
6 ending June 30, 2021.

7 **SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2023,
8 and after that date is ineffective.

9 **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** Section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.