

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED 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; and to provide an expiration date; ~~and to~~  
3 ~~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. The pilot program is contingent on

13 the favorable recommendation of legislative management and completion of the study in

14 section 2.

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

16 During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall ~~study~~consider studying the

17 feasibility and desirability of creating a road train pilot program. The study must include

18 consultation with the department of transportation, highway patrol, agriculture commissioner,

19 industrial commission, department of commerce, the upper great plains transportation institute,

20 and the governor. The study must include an assessment of the federal regulations impacting

21 road train operations, the economic impact of permitting road train operations in the state, and

22 the costs associated with implementing a road train pilot program. The legislative council may

23 contract for consulting services to assist the legislative management in conducting the study.

24 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any

1 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative  
2 assembly.

3       **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2023,  
4 and after that date is ineffective.

5 | ~~—**SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** Section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.~~