

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
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.

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

4 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROAD TRAIN PILOT PROGRAM -**
5 **REPORTS TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** In collaboration with South Dakota and
6 Minnesota transportation officials and agencies, and in consultation with a committee
7 designated by the legislative management, the department of transportation shall establish a
8 statewide road train pilot program. The department shall establish the parameters and policies
9 regarding the use of road trains on state highways, including designation of routes, hours of
10 operation, and length and weight restrictions. The department shall report to the legislative
11 management as requested by the legislative management. The pilot program is contingent on
12 the favorable recommendation of legislative management and completion of the study in
13 section 2.

14 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ROAD TRAIN PILOT PROGRAM.**
15 During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility
16 and desirability of creating a road train pilot program. The study must include consultation with
17 the department of transportation, highway patrol, agriculture commissioner, industrial
18 commission, department of commerce, the upper great plains transportation institute, and the
19 governor. The study must include an assessment of the federal regulations impacting road train
20 operations, the economic impact of permitting road train operations in the state, and the costs
21 associated with implementing a road train pilot program. The legislative council may contract for
22 consulting services to assist the legislative management in conducting the study. The legislative
23 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
24 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

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