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Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

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FIRST DRAFT:

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for the **Economic Development Committee** October 2006

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to department of commerce services to address worker attraction and
- 3 foreign worker recruitment.

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

- 5 SECTION 1. Two new sections to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows: 6
- 7 **Talent attraction.** The department shall establish and implement a program to attract 8 workers from out of state. This program may focus on attracting former North Dakota residents 9 and workers from geographical areas in which there is high unemployment and a surplus of 10 skilled workers. The program may include coordination of out-of-state recruitment events such 11 as job fairs and onsite recruitment activities.
- 12 Division of workforce development - Foreign worker recruitment. The division of 13 workforce development shall study, develop, and implement strategies to assist North Dakota 14 businesses in recruitment of permanent immigrants to fill occupations that are in high demand
- 15 and require high skill.