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HOUSE BILL NO. 1192

Introduced by: Representatives Hunt, Deadrick, Dykstra, Faehn, Gillespie, Halverson, Hargens, and Krebs and Senators Dempster, Garnos, Hansen (Tom), Heidepriem, Knudson, and Peterson (Jim)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to appropriate money for international trade representation.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of two hundred fifty
4 thousand dollars (\$250,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of
5 Tourism and State Development to provide for a full-time employee dedicated to international
6 trade representation services, including representing and promoting international business
7 development for South Dakota.

8 Section 2. The department shall use the funds appropriated in this Act to establish a
9 coordinating effort for international trade and business development to assist South Dakota
10 businesses in finding customers, suppliers, and investors in foreign countries by helping them
11 access existing programs, introducing them to available resources including government
12 programs, private consultants, or other businesses currently doing business in targeted markets.

13 The department shall:

14 (1) Develop the capability and resources necessary to provide representation for South



1 Dakota business development in foreign countries; develop and promote services
2 within South Dakota to encourage use of the services of South Dakota companies;
3 and provide a focal point of contact for South Dakota companies to facilitate the
4 identification of appropriate services for their requirements whether through this state
5 function or other resources, or for a contract with a group or organization outside
6 state government;

7 (2) Provide South Dakota business development services internationally or coordinate
8 those services available to South Dakota in-state companies; and

9 (3) Investigate international trade support initiatives in neighboring states and leverage
10 the combined assets in coordinated regional projects for the benefit of South Dakota
11 enterprises.

12 Section 3. The secretary of the Department of Tourism and State Development shall approve
13 vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.