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SB 16

Sen Howard

Statement for Senate Bill 16

Senate Bill 16 creates a dedicated funding mechanism to support critical infrastructure development and mitigate the impacts of mission expansion at the base. These investments will support the operational success of the B-21 program while bolstering South Dakota's economy.

The B-21 bed down represents an opportunity for the state, bringing economic benefits through job creation, workforce development, and local business growth. Infrastructure projects tied to the B-21 are generating local activity, providing a direct boost to South Dakota's economy. Additionally, the long-term presence of the B-21 will establish Ellsworth as a key hub for national defense, fostering sustained economic growth in the region.

By reinvesting contractor excise tax revenues directly into Ellsworth Air Force Base, Senate Bill 16 ensures that resources are available to support this critical mission while strengthening local infrastructure and enhancing quality of life for surrounding communities.

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