

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability  
2 of supporting development of the state's wind energy resources.

3 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has been identified as having the greatest wind energy  
4 potential for electric power generation of any state in the nation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, there is a growing market for renewable energy across the United States  
6 and many utilities have implemented green pricing programs to market renewable energy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, development of the state's wind energy resources may create jobs in North  
8 Dakota involving manufacturing and installing wind generation equipment and managing,  
9 operating, and maintaining wind power stations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, landowners in North Dakota may realize additional income opportunities  
11 from leasing lands for wind generation stations while still being able to farm or graze that land;  
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the sale of electricity from the generation of wind energy in the state may  
14 lead to enhanced tax revenues for the state;

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
16 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

17 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of supporting  
18 development of the state's wind energy resources; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include an analysis of environmental  
20 concerns associated with the development of wind energy, including noise, bird kills, land  
21 intensiveness, and the aesthetics of large wind farms, and an analysis of the reliability of wind  
22 energy compared to other forms of energy; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include an examination of the economics  
24 of wind energy development, federal subsidies required, the impact of wind energy on existing

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- 1 electrical generation facilities and electricity consumers, and whether the state should
- 2 encourage wind energy development in view of impending electrical industry restructuring; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.