

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 3026**

Introduced by

Representatives Ekstrom, Boucher, Gulleason, S. Kelsh, Mueller

Senator Krauter

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability  
2 of wind energy development in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, wind power is a renewable and nonpolluting source of energy; and

4 **WHEREAS**, several studies have concluded that North Dakota has the greatest  
5 potential for wind energy development in the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS**, wind energy projects could provide North Dakota agricultural producers  
7 with an additional source of income from wind generation without interfering with their  
8 agricultural operations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, wind energy projects may increase general economic activity in the state  
10 including construction of wind energy projects, landowner income, creation of long-term jobs  
11 from constructing and servicing wind generation facilities and the manufacturing of wind turbine  
12 components; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the use of public lands should be studied to determine whether these lands  
14 may be used for wind energy projects; and

15 **WHEREAS**, transmission constraints may exist that would hinder the export of  
16 electricity generated from wind turbines located in North Dakota;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of wind energy  
20 development in North Dakota; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
22 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
23 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.