

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1452

Page 1, line 3, after "reenact" insert "sections 17-01-01 and 17-07-01 and"

Page 1, line 4, after the first "to" insert "low-emission technology, the energy policy commission, and"

Page 1, after line 7, insert:

"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 17-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17-01-01. ~~25x'25 initiative~~Low-emission technology.

The legislative assembly adopts the ~~25x'25~~low-emission technology initiative with the goal that ~~not later than January 1, 2025,~~ the agricultural, forestry, natural resources, and working land of the United States should provide from ~~renewable resources~~low-emission technology not less than twenty-five percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, fuel, feed, and fiber. Increasing America's ~~renewable energy~~low-emission technology use will bring new ~~technologies~~advancements to market and save consumers money, reduce the nation's dependence on oil from the Middle East, create good new jobs in rural America, ~~and clean up the air and,~~ reduce urban smog, and address global warming issues. As used in this initiative, ~~renewable energy~~low-emission technology includes biofuels, solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal, carbon recycling, carbon sequestration, use of waste heat, recycling, ~~low-emission technologies that create or use~~ hydrogen, coal, oil, natural gas, and energy efficiency initiatives. ~~The 25x'25 initiative will benefit agriculture and forestry, the environment, and national security and provide economic growth~~Investing and acknowledging a commitment to low-emission technologies allows the state to use its abundant natural resources for the benefit of current and future generations. This initiative provides North Dakota consumers with affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for the benefit of the state's economy and communities.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 17-07-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17-07-01. Energy policy commission.

1. The energy policy commission is composed of:
 - a. The commissioner of commerce;
 - b. A representative of the agriculture community appointed by the governor;
 - c. A representative recommended by the lignite energy council appointed by the governor;
 - d. A representative recommended by the North Dakota petroleum council appointed by the governor;

- e. A member from the biodiesel or green diesel industry appointed by the governor;
 - f. A member from the biomass industry appointed by the governor;
 - g. A member from the wind industry appointed by the governor;
 - h. A member from the ethanol industry appointed by the governor;
 - i. A representative recommended by the North Dakota petroleum marketers association appointed by the governor;
 - j. A member from the North Dakota investor-owned electric utility industry appointed by the governor;
 - k. A member from the generation and transmission electric cooperative industry appointed by the governor;
 - l. A member from the lignite coal-producing industry appointed by the governor;
 - m. A member from the refining or gas-processing industry appointed by the governor; and
 - n. Additional nonvoting members appointed by the governor.
2. Each member of the commission shall serve for a term of two years, beginning July first, may be reappointed for additional terms, and serves at the pleasure of the governor.
 3. The commissioner of commerce is chairman of the commission.
 4. The commission shall meet at least ~~four~~two times per biennium or as often as the chairman deems necessary. The commission shall hold at least two public hearings per biennium, ~~at which time interested parties may present testimony in coordination with the state energy research center and allow public input from invited national and regional leaders and interested persons~~ regarding issues pertinent to the state's comprehensive energy policy. The department of commerce shall provide staffing for the commission.
 5. The legislative assembly shall develop a comprehensive energy policy for the state. ~~The commission shall monitor progress made toward the goals outlined in the energy policy and make recommendations to the energy policy as needed~~In coordination with the state energy research center, the commission shall identify and make recommendations to the clean sustainable energy authority on low-emission technology and advancements in energy efficiencies for the state. The recommendations must include consideration of environmental benefits; advancements or developments that have led to increased economic benefits and positive environmental public health benefits for the citizens and visitors of North Dakota, including cleaner air, soil, and water; improved efficiencies; reduction of waste; lower carbon-intensive agricultural products; and units of energy. The recommendations also may consider other factors, including environmental, social, and governance policies and the effect on financial or capital markets. The commission shall monitor the progress of implementing and achieving environmental benefits through the state's

comprehensive energy policy. The commission shall report biennially to the legislative management.

6. The members of the commission who are not state employees are entitled to mileage and expenses as provided by law for state officers and employees. Unless otherwise provided in this subsection, the expenses of appointed members are to be paid by the department of commerce. A state employee who is a member of the commission must receive that employee's regular salary and is entitled to mileage and expenses, to be paid by the employing agency."

Page 3, line 17, remove "The authority shall make recommendations to the legislative assembly on a"

Page 3, remove lines 18 through 20

Page 3, line 21, remove "4."

Page 3, line 23, replace "5." with "4."

Page 6, line 4, replace "1" with "3"

Page 6, line 9, replace "\$25,000,000" with "\$40,000,000"

Renumber accordingly