

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

SENATE BILL NO. 2372
(Senators Unruh, Oban)
(Representatives Boe, Delzer, Porter, Seibel)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study of environmental protection agency regulations regarding carbon dioxide emissions for new and existing electric generation units.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGULATIONS ON CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the impacts and costs of environmental protection agency regulations on carbon dioxide emissions for new and existing electric generation units. The study must include the regulations' estimated compliance costs on the industry, estimated impacts on regional grid reliability, estimated economic impact to ratepayers in this state, and the feasibility of implementing the regulations, including the proposed timeline. The study must also include an update on the status of technologies related to reduction of carbon dioxide emissions. The legislative management may consult with the lignite energy council, state department of health, public service commission, attorney general, and other state and federal agencies as needed. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.