FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2249

Introduced by

Senators Holmberg, Bekkedahl, Meyer

Representatives Mock, J. Nelson, Porter

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 15-11-40 and 57-51.1-07.9 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the state energy research center and the state energy research center
- 3 fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 15-11-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as

6 follows:

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15-11-40. State energy research center.

- 8 <u>1.</u> The state energy research center at the university of North Dakota energy and
- 9 <u>environmental research center is created for the purpose of conducting exploratory.</u>
- 10 <u>transformational, and innovative research that advances future energy opportunities</u>
- 11 <u>and benefits the state's economy and environment through:</u>
- 12a.Exploratory research of technologies and methodologies that facilitate the13prudent development, and clean and efficient use, of the state's energy
- 14 <u>resources;</u>
- 15b.Greater access to energy experts for timely scientific and engineering studies to16support the state's interests; and
- 17 <u>c.</u> <u>Education and outreach related to the state's energy resources.</u>
- 18 <u>2.</u> <u>The state energy research center shall report all research activities and</u>
- 19 accomplishments biennially to the interim legislative energy development and
- 20 <u>transmission committee and to the industrial commission.</u>
- 21 <u>3.</u> To effectuate the purposes of this section, the energy and environmental research
 22 <u>center may:</u>
- 23 <u>a.</u> <u>Select the research topics and projects to be pursued;</u>

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1	<u>b.</u>	Enter contracts or agreements with other North Dakota institutions of higher
2		education to support select research topics and projects;
3	<u>C.</u>	Enter contracts or agreements with federal, private, and nonprofit organizations
4		to carry out selected research topics and projects; and
5	<u>d.</u>	Accepting donations, grants, contributions, and gifts from any source to carry out
6		the selected research topics and projects.
7	SECTION 2. Section 57-51.1-07.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and	
8	enacted as follows:	
	57-51.1-07.9. State energy research center fund - Continuing appropriation.	
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