

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; to provide a report; and to provide an expiration
4 date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

8 **15-11-40. State energy research center - Report.**

9 1. The state energy research center at the university of North Dakota energy and
10 environmental research center is created for the purpose of conducting exploratory,
11 transformational, and innovative research that advances future energy opportunities
12 and benefits the state's economy and environment through:

13 a. Exploratory research of technologies and methodologies that facilitate the
14 prudent development, and clean and efficient use, of the state's energy
15 resources;

16 b. Greater access to energy experts for timely scientific and engineering studies to
17 support the state's interests; and

18 c. Education and outreach related to the state's energy resources.

19 2. The state energy research center shall report all research activities and
20 accomplishments ~~biennially~~annually to the interim legislative energy development and
21 transmission committee and to the industrial commission. Upon request, the state
22 energy research center shall report all research activities and accomplishments to the
23 appropriations committees of the legislative assembly.

- 1 3. To effectuate the purposes of this section, the energy and environmental research
2 center may:
3 a. Select the research topics and projects to be pursued;
4 b. Enter contracts or agreements with other North Dakota institutions of higher
5 education to support select research topics and projects;
6 c. Enter contracts or agreements with federal, private, and nonprofit organizations
7 to carry out selected research topics and projects; and
8 d. Accepting donations, grants, contributions, and gifts from any source to carry out
9 the selected research topics and projects.

10 4. The state energy research center may not conduct research or pursue projects that
11 will result in the exploration, storage, treatment, or disposal of high-level radioactive
12 waste in North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 2.** Section 57-51.1-07.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
14 enacted as follows:

15 **57-51.1-07.9. State energy research center fund - Continuing appropriation.**

16 The state energy research center fund is a special fund in the state treasury. Before
17 depositing oil and gas gross production tax and oil extraction tax revenues under section
18 57-51.1-07.5, ~~two~~one percent of the revenues must be deposited monthly into the state energy
19 research center fund, up to ~~six~~five million dollars per biennium. All moneys deposited in the
20 state energy research center fund and interest on all such moneys are appropriated on a
21 continuing basis to the industrial commission for distribution to the state energy research center.
22 The state energy research center shall use the funds in accordance with section 15-11-40.

23 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2023, and after that
24 date is ineffective.