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SENATE BILL NO. 2161

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Senators Sickler, Bekkedahl, Patten, Sorvaag

Representatives Mitskog, Nathe

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact 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 center's funding.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-11-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 6 15-11-40. State energy research center Report. (Effective through June 30, 2027)
- 1. The state energy research center at the university of North Dakota energy and environmental research center is created for the purpose of conducting to conduct exploratory, transformational, and innovative research that advances future energy opportunities and benefits the state's economy and environment through:
 - Exploratory research of technologies and methodologies that facilitate the prudent development, and clean and efficient use, of the state's energy resources;
 - Greater access to energy experts for timely scientific and engineering studies to support the state's interests; and
 - c. Education and outreach related to the state's energy resources.
- 2. The state energy research center shall report all research activities and accomplishments annually to the interim legislative energy development and transmission committee and to the industrial commission. Upon request, the state energy research center shall report all research activities and accomplishments to the appropriations committees of the legislative assembly.
- 22 3. To <u>effectuate carry out</u> the purposes of this section, the energy and environmental research center may:
 - a. Select the research topics and projects to be pursued;

- 1 Enter contracts or agreements with other North Dakota institutions of higher 2 education to support select research topics and projects; 3 C. Enter contracts or agreements with federal, private, and nonprofit organizations 4 to carry out selected research topics and projects; and 5 d. Accepting Accept donations, grants, contributions, and gifts from any source to 6 carry out the selected research topics and projects. 7 4. The state energy research center may not conduct research or pursue projects that 8 will result in the exploration, storage, treatment, or disposal of high-level radioactive 9 waste in North Dakota. 10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-51.1-07.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is 11 amended and reenacted as follows: 12 57-51.1-07.9. State energy research center fund - Continuing appropriation. (Effective-13 through June 30, 2027) 14 The state energy research center fund is a special fund in the state treasury. Before 15 depositing oil and gas gross production tax and oil extraction tax revenues under section 16 57-51.1-07.5, one percent of the revenues must be deposited monthly into the state energy 17
- 16 57-51.1-07.5, one percent of the revenues must be deposited monthly into the state energy
 17 research center fund, up to fiveten million dollars per biennium. All moneys deposited in the
 18 state energy research center fund and interest on all such moneys are appropriated on a
 19 continuing basis to the industrial commission for distribution to the state energy research center.