Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly   **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1350**
of North Dakota

Introduced by

   Representatives Keiser, Karls, Martinson

   Senators Kilzer, Krauter, Potter

1   A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a grant for

2   construction of a great plains applied energy research center; and to provide for a report to the

3   budget section.

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

5   **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the

6   general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $5,000,000, or so

7   much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of

8   providing a grant for construction of a great plains applied energy research center on the

9   Bismarck state college campus, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,

10   2011. The department of commerce may spend the general fund appropriation only when the

11   department certifies to the office of management and budget that:

12   1.   Other nonstate matching funds of three dollars for each one dollar of grant funds

13   are available for all costs of the center, a portion of which must be from the private

14   sector;

15   2.   The state will be a proportionate owner in the center based on the state's

16   contribution percentage of all costs of the center;

17   3.   The state will not be responsible for any future operational costs, including

18   property tax, of the center; and

19   4.   The center will be subject to local property tax assessments at the discretion of the

20   local taxing authority.

21   **SECTION 2. REPORT TO THE BUDGET SECTION.** The department of commerce

22   shall provide a report to the budget section at its first meeting after September 1, 2009, and at

23   its first meeting after March 1, 2010, regarding the status of the construction of a great plains

1   applied energy research center, including the extent to which nonstate matching funds have

2   been made available for the project.