

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1412

Introduced by

Representatives Ekstrom, Herbel, S. Kelsh, Severson

Senators Fairfield, Taylor

1 A BILL for an Act establishing the state's energy policy.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Governmental public purpose - Development of state's natural and**
4 **renewable energy resources.** The legislative assembly finds and declares it is an essential
5 governmental function and public purpose to encourage the wise and orderly development of
6 the state's natural and renewable energy resources. Increased development of the state's
7 abundant lignite coal and oil and gas resources and development of the state's renewable
8 resources, including biomass, hydro, geothermal, solar, and wind, are important components in
9 achieving energy independence for the nation. State energy policies adopted by the state must
10 consider the reliability, cost-effectiveness, enhanced environmental applications, and economic
11 stability and tax revenue benefits to the state from each natural and renewable energy
12 resource. It is a further public purpose not to mandate any state agency, department, or
13 institution to use a particular energy resource.