

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3020

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution declaring the renewable energy policy of the Legislative Assembly.

2 **WHEREAS**, the United States is over 60 percent reliant on foreign sources of energy;

3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the United States relies on energy from some of the most unstable parts of  
5 the world; and

6 **WHEREAS**, without a change in policy, the United States is projected to remain at  
7 60 percent dependent on foreign sources of energy well into the future; and

8 **WHEREAS**, our country must move toward an energy-secure economy through  
9 long-term investment in alternative sources of energy; and

10 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has diverse and robust energy resources that can play an  
11 integral part in achieving energy independence; and

12 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has lignite coal reserves that represent an 800-year supply of  
13 energy; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Bakken shale formation in the Williston Basin has greater oil reserves  
15 than ever before realized; and

16 **WHEREAS**, development of America's coal reserves through technologies, such as  
17 coal-to-liquid fuels, will lead the way to an energy-secure American economy; and

18 **WHEREAS**, advanced clean coal technology will effectively reduce power plant  
19 emissions; and

20 **WHEREAS**, advanced technology in the capture, sequestration, and end use for carbon  
21 dioxide from power plants will play a significant role in climate mitigation; and

22 **WHEREAS**, ethanol and biodiesel production have become and will continue to be an  
23 important part of the state's energy economy; and

24 **WHEREAS**, advanced research in biofuels produced from biomass will be critical to the  
25 long-term viability of biofuels; and

1           **WHEREAS**, other states have adopted the renewable energy objectives of the 25x'25  
2 initiative--a goal that 25 percent of our nation's energy consumption will come from renewable  
3 sources by the year 2025; and

4           **WHEREAS**, wind power has become an increasing portion of our country's energy  
5 portfolio, and North Dakota is on the leading edge of the broad use of this technology; and

6           **WHEREAS**, our country must move toward a hydrogen economy that can only be  
7 realized through aggressive research, development, and commercialization, including that  
8 being performed at the Energy and Environmental Research Center in Grand Forks;

9           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
10 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

11           That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports a goal of 25 percent of the state and  
12 nation's energy supply come from renewable energy resources by the year 2025; and

13           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports a  
14 long-term extension of the production tax credit for renewable sources, including wind energy;  
15 and

16           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports  
17 long-term extensions of other tax credits for renewable energy production and use, including  
18 the volumetric ethanol excise tax credit, alternative fuel vehicle tax credit, and the biodiesel  
19 producer's credit; and

20           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports the North  
21 Dakota energy corridor initiative as well as increased federal funding for research,  
22 development, and commercialization of hydrogen fuel cells, clean coal, biomass utilization,  
23 carbon capture and storage, and coal-to-coal liquid fuel.