

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1456

Introduced by

Representatives Nelson, Gulleeson, Kretschmar

Senators Horne, Klein

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a public service commission wind farm siting study; to provide  
2 for a report to the legislative council; and to provide an expiration date.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 49-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Public service commission wind farm siting study.**

- 7 1. The public service commission shall conduct a study of the siting of commercial  
8 wind farms. The study must include:  
9 a. Identification of key issues of public and industry concern;  
10 b. Solicitation of public input from local government officials, electric utilities, the  
11 wind industry, landowners, farm organizations, and other concerned interests;  
12 c. Review of the laws and policies of other jurisdictions; and  
13 d. Recommendations concerning laws or policies needed in this state to address  
14 wind farm siting.  
15 2. The commission may hire a consultant to assist in the conduct of the study and  
16 preparation of a report.  
17 3. The commission should seek public comment in accordance with established  
18 procedures in preparation of the report.  
19 4. The commission shall report to the legislative council by July 1, 2008.

20 **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2008, and  
21 after that date is ineffective.