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FIRST ENGROSSMENT with House Amendments

Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4030

Introduced by

Senators Triplett, Grindberg, Hogue, Potter

Representatives Glassheim, Hawken

- 1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article X of the Constitution of
- 2 North Dakota, relating to establishment and use of a legacy fund; and to provide an effective
- 3 date.

4 STATEMENT OF INTENT

- 5 This measure establishes a legacy fund and imposes limitations on use of moneys in the fund.
- 6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF
- 7 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
- 8 That the following proposed new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota
- 9 is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general
- 10 election to be held in 2010, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of
- 11 North Dakota.
- **SECTION 1.** A new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota is created
- 13 and enacted as follows:
- The first twenty-five percent of all revenue derived from taxes on oil and gas production
- 15 or extraction must be transferred by the state treasurer to a special fund in the state treasury
- 16 known as the legacy fund. Earnings of the legacy fund may be appropriated by the legislative
- 17 assembly for support of elementary and secondary education and higher education, including
- 18 <u>scholarships to institutions of higher education in North Dakota for graduates of North Dakota</u>
- 19 high schools. The principal of the legacy fund may not be expended, except revenue derived
- 20 after December 31, 2040, may be expended if appropriated by a two-thirds vote of each house
- 21 of the legislative assembly. The state investment board shall invest the principal of the legacy
- 22 fund. The state treasurer shall transfer earnings of the legacy fund to the state general fund at
- 23 the end of each fiscal year.
- 24 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If approved by the voters, this measure becomes
- 25 effective on July 1, 2011.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. This section is adopted as a statement of intent
and the secretary of state shall exclude this section when sections 1 and 2 of this measure are
submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2010. It
is the intent of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly that if sections 1 and 2 of this measure are
approved by the qualified electors of North Dakota, the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly shall
develop and enact legislation necessary to avoid any reduction in the relative shares of oil and
gas production and extraction tax revenues which existed at the time of the 2010 general
election for impact grants, political subdivisions, the oil and gas research fund, water
development bond principal and interest payments and the resources trust fund, the common
schools trust fund, and the foundation aid stabilization fund.