

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2032**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Energy Development and Transmission Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-17.6-02 and 54-17.6-04 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the purposes of the oil and gas research council and powers  
3 of the industrial commission.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-17.6-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-17.6-02. Oil and gas research council purposes.**

8 There is created the oil and gas research council. The purpose of the council is to  
9 coordinate a program designed to demonstrate to the general public the importance of the state  
10 oil and gas exploration and production industry, to encourage and promote the wise and  
11 efficient use of energy, to promote environmentally sound exploration and production methods  
12 and technologies, to develop the state's oil and gas resources, and to support research and  
13 educational activities concerning the oil and natural gas exploration and production industry,  
14 and to promote innovation in safety, enhancement of environment, and increase in education  
15 concerning the distribution of petroleum products.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-17.6-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **54-17.6-04. Powers and duties of commission in managing and operating council.**

19 The commission is granted all the powers necessary or appropriate to carry out and  
20 effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including the power to:

21 1. Make grants or loans, and to provide other forms of financial assistance as necessary  
22 or appropriate, to qualified persons for research, development, marketing, and  
23 educational projects, and processes or activities directly related to the oil and gas  
24 exploration ~~and, production, or refining industry, or the petroleum marketing industry;~~

- 1        2. Enter into contracts or agreements to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including
- 2            authority to contract for the administration of the oil and gas research, development,
- 3            marketing, and educational program;
- 4        3. Keep accurate records of all financial transactions performed under this chapter;
- 5        4. Cooperate with any private, local, state, or national commission, organization, or
- 6            agent, or group and to make contracts and agreements for programs benefiting the oil
- 7            and gas industry;
- 8        5. Accept donations, grants, contributions, and gifts from any public or private source and
- 9            deposit such in the oil and gas research fund; and
- 10       6. Make and explore orders, rules, and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes
- 11           of this chapter.