

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of reduction of the flaring of
2 natural gas.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - REDUCTION OF FLARING OF**
5 **NATURAL GAS.** During the 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall study methods
6 to encourage reduction or restrict allowance of flaring of natural gas. The legislative
7 management shall obtain opinions from the tax department, oil and gas division of the industrial
8 commission, state department of health, petroleum industry representatives, and interested
9 members of the public and representatives of political subdivisions to identify and implement the
10 optimum method of reducing flaring of natural gas, including improved methods for capturing or
11 using the natural gas. The interim committee to which this study is assigned shall meet as often
12 as necessary before November 2011 to determine if it is feasible and desirable to seek
13 introduction of legislation to implement any preliminary recommendation of the interim
14 committee during the November 2011 special legislative session. The interim committee shall
15 include in its deliberations an examination of each legislative proposal to reduce flaring of
16 natural gas considered by the sixty-second legislative assembly. The legislative management
17 shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to
18 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.