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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying sustainable
2 energy policies to maximize the economic viability of existing energy sources, assess future
3 demands on electricity in the state, and determine the feasibility of advanced nuclear energy
4 development and transmission in the state.

5 **WHEREAS**, electricity demand is forecasted to increase through 2050, as consumers turn
6 to electric vehicles and other carbon-free infrastructure; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a review of existing state regulations is necessary in order to enable the
8 construction and operation of advanced nuclear reactors; and

9 **WHEREAS**, evaluating the economic feasibility, siting, and development for new advanced
10 nuclear reactors and the safety and waste stream resulting from the construction and operation
11 of advanced nuclear reactors would be valuable information for the development of energy
12 industries in the state; and

13 **WHEREAS**, maintaining the reliability of the electric grid includes evaluating the reliability
14 and potential benefits of nuclear energy; and

15 **WHEREAS**, climate and carbon reduction policies that are technology-neutral or include
16 nuclear energy are key components to decarbonizing the transportation and industrial sectors;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, through the creation of official energy policy, the state can capture future
19 benefits of an enhanced industry, including long-term, quality jobs; tax revenue; a manufacturing
20 base; and ready access to clean energy;

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

23 That the Legislative Management consider studying sustainable energy policies to
24 maximize the economic viability of existing energy sources, assess future demands on

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- 1 electricity in the state, and determine the feasibility of advanced nuclear energy development
- 2 and transmission in the state; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly.