

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

Page 1, line 2, after the first semicolon insert "to provide a report;"

Page 4, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - STATE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER FUND - RARE EARTH MINERALS STUDY - REPORT.

1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the state energy research center fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.
2. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation under section 57-51.1-07.9, the state energy research center shall use \$4,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state energy research center fund to study prospective in-state resources of economically feasible accumulations of critical minerals, including rare earth elements and other high-value minerals or materials that may be suitable for extraction and enrichment.
3. The study must include a review of in-state mineral accumulations, including coal deposits, ore bodies, oil and gas reservoirs, produced water from oil and gas development activities, saltwater zones, and shale formations. While conducting the study, the state energy research center shall collaborate with the North Dakota geological survey and active mineral lessors and developers.
4. During the 2023-24 interim, the state energy research center shall provide at least one report to the legislative management regarding the study."

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment transfers \$4.5 million from the general fund to the state energy research center fund for a critical minerals study, including rare earth elements, during the 2023-24 interim.