North Dakota Legislative Management

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Legislative Council
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA CENTER COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Grand Farm Innovation Campus
Wheatland, North Dakota

9:00 a.m.	Call to order Roll call Consideration of the minutes of the August 31, 2026, meeting
9:05 a.m.	Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding an overview of artificial intelligence commercialization opportunities
9:15 a.m.	Presentation by Mr. Brent Brinkman, General Manager, Cass Rural Water Users District, regarding the application process and water usage by hyperscale data centers
9:55 a.m.	Presentation by Mr. Reice Haase, Director, Department of Water Resources, regarding the state's role relating to the development and operation of data centers
10:35 a.m.	Presentation by Mr. Chris Schilken, Commissioner, Department of Commerce, regarding the impact of data centers on political subdivisions
11:15 a.m.	Comments by interested persons
12:00 noon	Recess
1:00 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. Seth Arndorfer, Chief Executive Officer, Dakota Carrier Network, regarding the provision of services to hyperscale data centers and impacts on other users in this state
1:40 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. Darcy Neigum, Vice President of Energy Supply, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company, regarding serving data centers and the associated benefits to customers
2:20 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. Mac McLennan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Minnkota Power Cooperative, regarding the impact of data center energy demands on rural cooperatives
3:00 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. Howdy Lawlar, Chair, McKenzie County Board of Commissioners, regarding benefits and challenges associated with data center development
3:40 p.m.	Committee discussion
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: https://video.ndlegis.gov.

Committee Members

Representatives: Jonathan Warrey (Chairman), Mike Nathe, Anna S. Novak, Todd Porter, Mary Schneider
Senators: Jose L. Castaneda, Kyle Davison, Janne Myrdal, Dean Rummel, Mike Wobbema
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