



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA CENTER COMMITTEE

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

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| 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 |
| 2:00 p.m. | Break |
| 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

Citizen Members: Tony Clark, Mark R. Hagerott

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