

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2360
(Senators Hogan, Cory, Patten)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study regarding geothermal energy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - GEOTHERMAL ENERGY.

1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility of developing geothermal energy in the state. The study must include an evaluation of:
 - a. The state's geology and the feasibility of resource exploration and production of geothermal energy in the state.
 - b. Support opportunities for startup geothermal companies, including fostering innovation and promoting economic growth within the state's energy sector.
 - c. The application of geothermal energy to nonproductive oil and gas wells to extend the life of the well through the use of a complementary energy extraction method.
 - d. Other opportunities to advance geothermal energy opportunities in the state.
2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2360.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 4 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State