

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2014

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to amend and reenact section 54-17.5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to education activities relating to the lignite industry;"

Page 1, line 5, after the second semicolon insert "to provide for a loan repayment program;"

Page 1, line 17, replace "2,562,503" with "2,733,761" and replace "9,770,047" with "9,941,305"

Page 1, line 18, replace "589,978" with "709,886" and replace "2,845,668" with "2,965,576"

Page 1, line 20, replace "560,700" with "1,560,700" and replace "19,971,300" with "20,971,300"

Page 2, line 2, replace "\$15,590,470" with "\$14,299,304" and replace "65,077,880" with "66,369,046"

Page 2, line 3, replace "(20,071,262)" with "(19,971,262)" and replace "49,321,084" with "49,421,084"

Page 2, line 4, replace "4,480,792" with "5,671,958" and replace "15,756,796" with "16,947,962"

Page 2, line 5, replace "4.69" with "5.69" and replace "60.06" with "61.06"

Page 2, line 10, replace "5,721,483" with "6,698,389" and replace "40,993,350" with "41,970,256"

Page 2, line 13, replace "5,276,483" with "6,253,389" and replace "42,448,350" with "43,425,256"

Page 2, line 15, replace "(5.00)" with "0.00" and replace "171.50" with "176.50"

Page 3, line 6, replace "(150,000)" with "25,000" and replace "150,000" with "325,000"

Page 3, line 7, replace "175,000" with "0" and replace "325,000" with "150,000"

Page 3, line 26, replace "5,880,792" with "7,071,958" and replace "26,556,796" with "27,747,962"

Page 3, line 27, replace "(11,800,248)" with "(10,723,342)" and replace "174,008,864" with "175,085,770"

Page 3, line 28, replace "\$5,919,456" with "\$3,651,384" and replace "200,565,660" with "202,833,732"

Page 4, after line 6, insert:

"Lignite feasibility demonstration	0	1,000,000"
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Page 7, after line 8, insert:

**"SECTION 13. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES - LANDS AND MINERALS TRUST FUND.** The estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$100,000 from the lands and minerals trust fund for the repayment of education loans to recruit new employees or retain recently hired employees in hard-to-fill positions. The funds are payable over a two-year period and may not exceed \$10,000 per employee per fiscal year. Employees selected shall contract to remain in the employment of the department for a minimum of four years. If an employee of the department who receives loan repayment funds under this section breaches the loan repayment contract by failing to begin or failing to complete the obligated service, the employee is liable to repay to the department the total amount of any loan repayment funds received.

**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-17.5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-17.5-01. Declaration of findings and public purpose.** The legislative assembly finds and declares that North Dakota's lignite industry produces approximately thirty million tons of lignite annually, contributing to our state's and nation's energy independence by generating electricity for more than two million people in the northern great plains region and by producing synthetic natural gas from coal that heats three hundred thousand homes and businesses in eastern states, which is equivalent to over twenty thousand barrels of oil per day. The legislative assembly further finds and declares that North Dakota's lignite industry generates over ~~seventeen~~ twenty-eight thousand direct and indirect jobs for North Dakota, ~~over one~~ nearly three billion dollars in annual business volume, and over ~~sixty-five~~ one hundred three million dollars in annual tax revenue. The legislative assembly further finds and declares that it is an essential governmental function and public purpose to assist with the development and wise use of North Dakota's vast lignite resources by supporting a lignite research, development, and marketing program that promotes economic, efficient, and clean uses of lignite and products derived from lignite in order to maintain and enhance development of North Dakota lignite and its products; support educational activities relating to the lignite industry; preserve and create jobs involved in the production and utilization of North Dakota lignite; ensure economic stability, growth, and opportunity in the lignite industry; and maintain a stable and competitive tax base for our state's lignite industry for the general welfare of North Dakota. The legislative assembly further finds and declares that development of North Dakota's lignite resources must be conducted in an environmentally sound manner that protects our state's air, water, and soil resources as specified by applicable federal and state law.

**SECTION 15. LIGNITE DEMONSTRATION FEASIBILITY.** The grants - lignite research and development line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$1,000,000 from the general fund for the purpose of demonstrating the feasibility of using lignite at a state-owned facility equipped with coal-fired boilers generating at least 200,000 pounds of steam at 125 pounds per square inch."

Renumber accordingly

**A copy of the statement of purpose of amendment is attached.**