

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

Introduced by

Representatives Keiser, Karls, Martinson

Senators Kilzer, Krauter, Potter

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a grant for
2 construction of a great plains applied energy research center; and to provide for a report to the
3 budget section.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so
7 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of
8 providing a grant for construction of a great plains applied energy research center on the
9 Bismarck state college campus, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,
10 2011. The department of commerce may spend the general fund appropriation only when the
11 department certifies to the office of management and budget that:

- 12 1. Other nonstate matching funds of three dollars for each one dollar of grant funds
13 are available for all costs of the center, a portion of which must be from the private
14 sector;
- 15 2. The state will be a proportionate owner in the center based on the state's
16 contribution percentage of all costs of the center;
- 17 3. The state will not be responsible for any future operational costs, including
18 property tax, of the center; and
- 19 4. The center will be subject to local property tax assessments at the discretion of the
20 local taxing authority.

21 **SECTION 2. REPORT TO THE BUDGET SECTION.** The department of commerce
22 shall provide a report to the budget section at its first meeting after September 1, 2009, and at
23 its first meeting after March 1, 2010, regarding the status of the construction of a great plans

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- 1 applied energy research center, including the extent to which nonstate matching funds have
- 2 been made available for the project.