

# **Senate Bill 2137**

**Senate Finance & Taxation Committee**

# North Dakota transmission infrastructure is constrained.



- Reports from North Dakota Transmission Authority have established that North Dakota produces more power than it can export into energy markets outside the state.
- This could be an opportunity to attract large users making all of our energy resources more efficient.

# Benefits of adding energy users like data centers in North Dakota

- Adds to the viability of our energy resources.
- Diversifies the economy.
- Provides opportunity in rural areas.
- Adds jobs and tax base in the areas located.

# Types of data centers in 2021

- Large scale developments.
  - Amazon
  - Google
  - Facebook
  - Apple
  - Microsoft
- Extremely large investments often producing hundreds of Jobs.
- Recent announcements in the region.
  - Minnesota 2019
  - Iowa 2020
  - Nebraska 2019
  - Wyoming 2017

# Types of data centers in 2021 (continued)

- Colocation data centers
  - Range in size and offer secure space for companies to locate IT equipment.
  - Range in size and can offer an array of services.

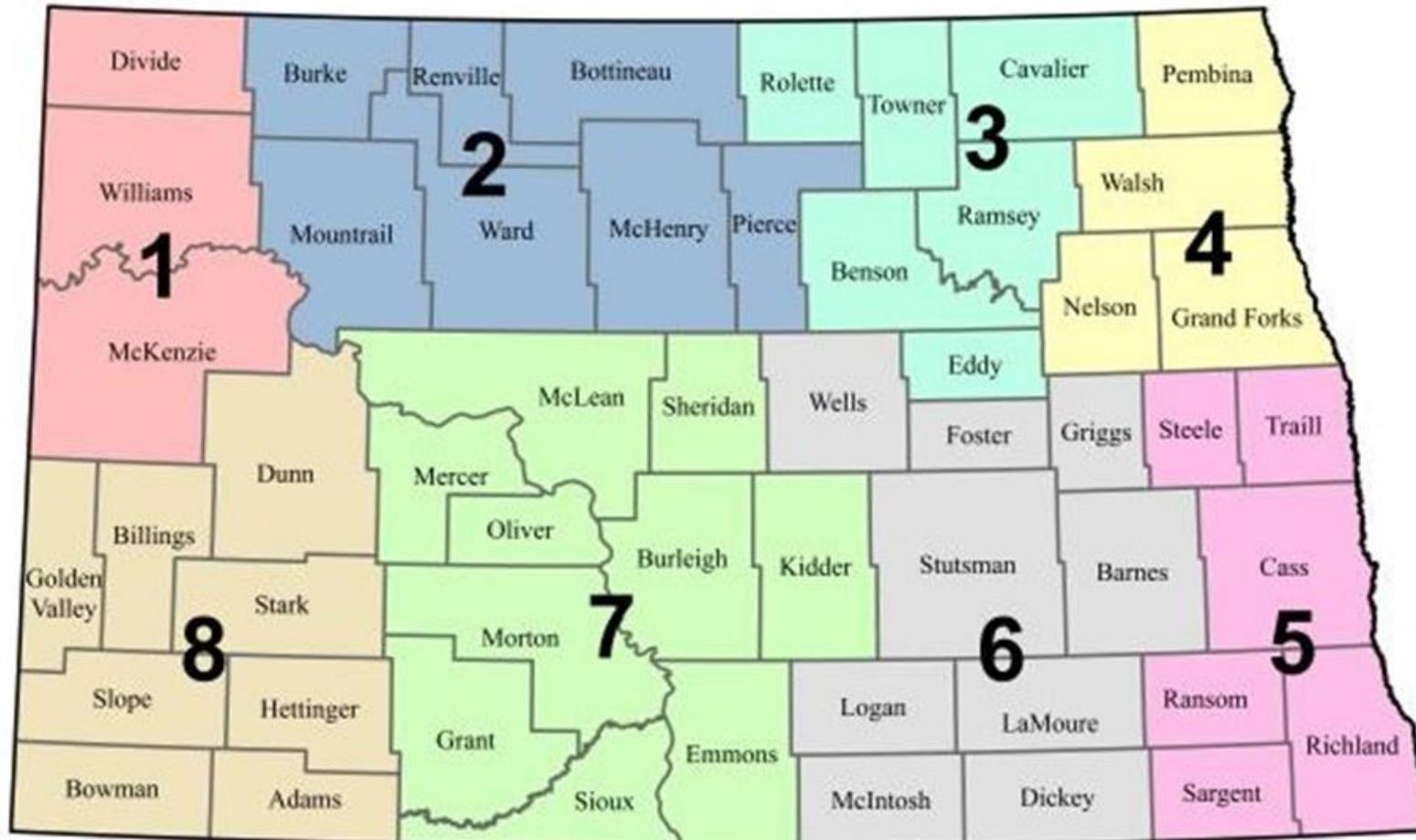
# Types of data centers in 2021 (continued)

- New interruptible data centers - Focus on computing that can be interrupted.
  - Video Rendering
  - Artificial intelligence
  - Block chain computing
- These emerging data centers can help our energy resources operate efficiently.

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- Enhancements to the old data center incentive by making it more effective.
  - Extends sunset to 2030
  - Allows 4 data centers in each regional council territory and any qualified data center with investment over \$150,000,000.00
  - Requires data centers must be at least 15,000FT<sup>2</sup>
  - Requires data centers use at least 50% of the space for computing.
  - Data centers can only be considered eligible if built or refurbished after December 31, 2020
  - Updates the language to be inclusive of all types data centers.

# ND regional council territories



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- Most States that have made major announcements recently have Data Center specific tax incentives.
  - Passing SB 2137 will make sure we are on a level playing field with competing states.
- Will give rural areas of ND a chance to land a data center project.
- Enhances the language from the original tax incentive to make it more effective.

# Questions

- Thank you!

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