

Supplemental Testimony SCR 4012
Dakota Resource Council
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Dakota Resource Council does not object to the language in the amended resolution brought forth by Senator Wardner replacing the original SCR 4012. We feel that the new language removes the punitive measures that we opposed in the original resolution.

In addition, I would like to clarify my comments from the hearing earlier on this matter. My intention was to point out to the committee that there are pundits and lobbyists that are blaming the Texas (ERCOT) and Southwestern Power Pool blackouts on wind and renewables when that is not entirely the case. In our view listening to pundits and lobbyists that provide an inaccurate picture of the situation is irresponsible. Just to be clear, I was not accusing anyone in this body of passing laws (like the ones heard in committee today) in a knee jerk manner, rather I was trying to urge the committee to not feel compelled to act due to partially false arguments being made by pundits and opportunistic lobbyists relating to the current blackout situation. I apologize if what I said came across as if I was accusing you all of acting in a knee jerk manner.

We at DRC appreciate the commitment to ensuring grid reliability, and we do not oppose the amendment offered by Senator Wardner.