

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3016
(Representatives Novak, D. Anderson, Heinert, J. Olson, Porter)
(Senators Hogue, Patten)

A concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits of enhanced oil recovery and encouraging the State of North Dakota and federal government to maintain favorable policies that support the development of carbon capture technology and utilization of carbon dioxide as a commodity for advancing energy security.

WHEREAS, the Bakken Formation is a world-class energy resource yielding 1.2 million barrels of oil per day; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's oil industry contributes approximately \$8 million per day in extraction and production tax revenues, \$26 billion since 2008, and over half of total state tax revenues annually; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas tax revenues contribute to the well-being of the state, providing a stable tax base, prospering economy, well-paying jobs, and energy security; and

WHEREAS, current recovery methods produce only a small portion of the Bakken Formation's estimated oil in place; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that utilization of enhanced oil recovery methods could unlock several billion barrels more of incremental oil production, and extend Bakken Formation production by several decades; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's coal industry supports nearly 12,000 jobs in the state, contributes \$2 billion in gross domestic product, and \$100 million in state and local tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the coal industry has been a leader in pursuing technologies to capture carbon dioxide from its coal-fired power and gasification facilities; and

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide captured from North Dakota's energy and agriculture facilities is a valuable commodity that will be necessary to achieve full deployment of enhanced oil recovery in North Dakota's oil shale formations and conventional reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the state has been a leader in investing in research and development to unleash the full potential of all its energy resources, and in creating a regulatory environment that fosters the development of carbon capture, utilization, and storage technologies; and

WHEREAS, successful deployment of enhanced oil recovery will unlock the full potential of the Bakken Formation, enhance North Dakota's coal industry, and support the continued growth of North Dakota's energy industries, supporting the Trump Administration's goals of achieving energy dominance and energy security;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly recognize the benefits of enhanced oil recovery and encourage the State of North Dakota and federal government to maintain favorable policies that support the development of carbon capture technology and utilization of carbon dioxide as a commodity for advancing energy security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the federal government is urged to develop policies that encourage and incentivize utilization of carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the federal government is urged to increase its partnership with the State of North Dakota and its energy industries to advance carbon capture technologies and enhanced oil recovery in the Bakken Formation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Energy, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate