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Seventieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the North Dakota state university extension service for an advanced nuclear energy education and community engagement initiative grant program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE - ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE - ONE-TIME FUNDING.

1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $80,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota state university extension service for the purpose of an advanced nuclear education and community engagement initiative grant program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029.
2. Grant funding may be used only to implement an advanced nuclear energy education and community engagement initiative to educate and facilitate discussion with citizens and community leaders on the topic of advanced nuclear energy. The initiative must:
   a. Provide for a series of unbiased, community-based education and discussion sessions related to advanced nuclear energy throughout the state.
   b. Include structured opportunities for information sharing, community engagement, and facilitated discussion.
   c. Include at least twelve sessions across the state, with at least four sessions conducted at locations intended to promote tribal engagement.
3. Grant funding may be used to contract for consultant services related to subject matter expertise or other services to assist with the initiative. Grant funding may not be used to advocate for or against advanced nuclear development in the state.

4. The funding appropriated in this section is considered a one-time funding item.