



North Dakota Legislative Council

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STRIPPER WELL STUDY - COMMITTEE MOTION

The following is a motion for consideration by the Tax Reform and Relief Advisory Committee related to the committee's stripper well oil extraction tax exemption study:

It was moved by _____, seconded by _____, that the committee ask the Tax Department, the Department of Mineral Resources, and the Energy and Environmental Research Center to coordinate and provide the committee an analysis of the stripper well oil extraction tax exemption, including:

- **The number of current and estimated future oil wells eligible for the stripper well oil extraction tax exemption.**
- **The amount of current and estimated future oil production from oil wells eligible for the stripper well oil extraction tax exemption.**
- **The current and anticipated future lifecycle of an oil well in the Bakken or Three Forks Formations with consideration of oil production changes over the life of an oil well, including the expected decline curve and increased production from restimulation or enhanced oil recovery techniques.**
- **The current and estimated future impact to the state's oil extraction tax collections based on the current tax policy and oil production trends.**
- **Comparisons to stripper well tax structures in other states.**
- **The estimated future impact to the state's oil extraction tax collections based on alternative tax policies as requested by the committee Chairman.**