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

SENATE BILL NO. 2360 (Senators Hogan, Cory, Patten)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study regarding geothermal energy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - GEOTHERMAL ENERGY.

- 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility of developing geothermal energy in the state. The study must include an evaluation of:
 - a. The state's geology and the feasibility of resource exploration and production of geothermal energy in the state.
 - b. Support opportunities for startup geothermal companies, including fostering innovation and promoting economic growth within the state's energy sector.
 - c. The application of geothermal energy to nonproductive oil and gas wells to extend the life of the well through the use of a complementary energy extraction method.
 - d. Other opportunities to advance geothermal energy opportunities in the state.
- 2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

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This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2360.					
Senate Vote:	Yeas 47	Nays 0	Absent 0		
House Vote:	Yeas 87	Nays 4	Absent 3		
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