



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 601

*Introduced by: **Senator Brent "B.R." Hoffman***

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the Executive Board of the Legislature**
 2 **to authorize and form an interim legislative committee on nuclear power in**
 3 **South Dakota.**

4 WHEREAS, nuclear power is a source of energy that protects air quality by producing
 5 carbon-free electricity and is therefore one of the cleanest energy sources available; and

6 WHEREAS, the nuclear power industry supports many jobs throughout the United States
 7 and contributes locally and nationally to the economy; and

8 WHEREAS, nuclear power plants operate safely and at a higher capacity than renewable
 9 energy sources and fossil fuels; and

10 WHEREAS, there are no nuclear power plants located in South Dakota but the state relies
 11 on nuclear power produced in Minnesota;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature of
 13 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the
 14 Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council consider establishing an interim legislative
 15 committee to examine the potential use of nuclear power in South Dakota, to include a nuclear
 16 power plant, for the establishment of a safe, clean, and reliable source of energy for South
 17 Dakota.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this legislative study is recommended to be under the
 19 supervision of the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council, staffed and funded as
 20 an interim legislative committee, and that the interim legislative committee report to the
 21 Legislature and the Governor before the beginning of the Ninety-Ninth Legislative Session.
 22 The report may include draft legislation; policy recommendations; an abbreviated summary
 23 of state and federal legislation on nuclear power; information on nuclear power structure,
 24 design, and operation; relevant stakeholder information; and citizen feedback.