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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED NO. **SB 54**-  
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Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of Tourism  
and State Development

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the duties and  
2 reporting requirements for the South Dakota Energy Infrastructure Authority.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 1-16I-6 be amended to read as follows:

5 1-16I-6. The authority shall:

6 (1) Meet with any interested owner of transmission lines in South Dakota and any  
7 interested generator and distributor of electricity to consumers in South Dakota ~~by~~  
8 ~~August first each year~~ to understand the generation of electricity in South Dakota and  
9 the transmission enhancements needed for the transmission of electricity to, from,  
10 and within South Dakota, and to analyze how the authority could proactively assist  
11 in developing the generation and transmission infrastructure;

12 (2) Report its findings and make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, and  
13 the South Dakota congressional delegation ~~by December first of each year~~ at least  
14 once every five years concerning what the private sector, the state, and the federal



1 government can do to create and enhance the generation of electricity in South  
2 Dakota and the transmission of electricity to, from, and within South Dakota. ~~The~~  
3 ~~report due December 1, 2007, shall address and quantify market opportunities for the~~  
4 ~~development, use in-state, and, including, as appropriate, the export of South~~  
5 ~~Dakota's enormous wind power resource, including, as appropriate, the export of~~  
6 South Dakota's wind power resource;

7 (3) ~~Annually evaluate~~ Evaluate state laws and rules affecting electric generation and  
8 electric transmission and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature  
9 for improvements;

10 (4) ~~Annually evaluate~~ Evaluate federal laws and rules affecting electric generation and  
11 electric transmission and make recommendations to the South Dakota congressional  
12 delegation for improvements ~~by December first of each year;~~

13 (5) Identify opportunities where owners of transmission lines in South Dakota and  
14 generators and distributors of electricity to consumers in South Dakota can cooperate  
15 to improve and increase electric transmission in South Dakota and communicate  
16 those opportunities to owners, generators, and distributors of electricity in South  
17 Dakota;

18 (6) Assist any entity that wants to build new or upgrade existing electric transmission  
19 facilities to, from, and within South Dakota by helping the entity develop a business  
20 plan and identify financing options; and

21 (7) Assist other state transmission authorities and any federal or regional entity wanting  
22 to build new or upgrade existing transmission facilities to deliver electricity to, from,  
23 and within South Dakota.