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Wind Energy Promotion Act of 2002

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2002)

Wind Energy Promotion Act of 2002 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary), acting through the Rural Business Cooperative Service, to establish a competitive grants and low-interest loans program to assist in establishing new farmer or rancher cooperatives (or other rural business ventures) to construct wind energy facilities.

Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the Secretary to permit an owner or operator of certain land enrolled in the conservation reserve program to install wind turbines on the land.

Directs the Secretary of Energy to conduct a research, demonstration, and technology deployment program to enhance the use of wind energy.

Mandates periodic Federal agency review of regulations and standards that act as barriers to market entry for wind energy technologies.

Instructs the Secretary of Energy to conduct a feasibility study pertaining to a combined wind and hydropower demonstration project involving wind energy generated by Indian tribes and hydropower generated by the Army Corps of Engineers at the Garrison Dam on the Missouri River to supply firming power to the Western Area Power Administration.

Instructs the Secretary of the Interior to develop guidelines for a pilot program for the development of wind energy on Federal land.

Directs the Secretaries of the Interior and of Agriculture to consider development of wind energy in revisions of land and resource management plans under their respective jurisdictions.

Instructs the Secretary of Energy to conduct an assessment of wind energy resources and transmission capacity.

Actions Timeline

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