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A bill for an act

relating to energy; requiring an advanced nuclear study; requiring a report; appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **ADVANCED NUCLEAR STUDY.**

Subdivision 1. **Study required.** (a) The commissioner of commerce must conduct a study evaluating the potential costs, benefits, and impacts of advanced nuclear technology reactor power generation in Minnesota.

(b) At a minimum, the study must address the potential costs, benefits, and impacts of advanced nuclear technology reactor power generation on:

(1) Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals under the Next Generation Energy Act, Laws 2007, chapter 136;

(2) system costs for ratepayers;

(3) system reliability;

(4) the environment;

(5) local jobs; and

(6) local economic development.

(c) The study must also evaluate:

(1) current Minnesota statutes and administrative rules that would require modifications in order to enable the construction and operation of advanced nuclear reactors; and

(2) the economic feasibility of replacing coal-fired boilers with advanced nuclear reactors, while accounting for the avoided costs that result from the closure of coal-fired plants.

Subd. 2. **Report.** The commissioner of commerce must submit the results of the study under subdivision 1 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy no later than January 31, 2026.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$150,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of commerce to conduct the study and develop the report under section 1. This is a onetime appropriation.