



Policy Update

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Legislature to Study Property Taxes and Artificial Intelligence this Summer

The Legislative Executive Board recently met to discuss topics for the 2024 summer studies. Specifically, attention will be directed towards the realms of artificial intelligence (AI) and property tax assessment methodologies.

The Executive Board decided to establish a study on AI and the need for states to establish minimum regulations such as definitions. This study, officially titled the "Artificial Intelligence and Regulation of Internet Access by Minors" summer study committee, combines proposals from House Speaker Hugh Bartels and Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck. Bartels spearheaded the AI aspect, while Schoenbeck advocated for an examination of children's internet access.

Additionally, the Legislature has endorsed a study focusing on property tax assessment methodologies. During debate, there were reservations voiced by some veteran lawmakers due to similar efforts undertaken within the past three years. This study aims to examine the valuation assessment processes employed by counties and explore avenues for equitable and efficient property assessment across South Dakota.

For more information on the 2024 summer studies, please click [here](#).

Swan Lake Wind Energy Project Proposed

NextEra Energy Resources is proposing to construct the Swan Lake Wind Project in Turner and Yankton Counties. The proposed project would involve construction of a 248-megawatt (MW) wind farm generating facility that includes approximately 97 turbines and associated pads and would interconnect to the Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Utica V-Fodness 230 kilovolt transmission line. The proposed timeline for the project includes NEPA review in the spring of 2024 to spring of 2025, Public Utilities Commission permitting in the spring of 2025 to spring of 2025, and the goal of construction in March of 2027.

For more information about the project, click [here](#).

GFP Seeking Comment on Draft Ring-Necked Pheasant Action Plan

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is seeking comments on a draft Ring-necked Pheasant Action plan.

The Ring-necked Pheasant Action plan, 2024-2028, is a document that will be used by GFP to guide ring-necked pheasant management in South Dakota through identified management objectives and measurable strategies to meet these management objectives. All individuals interested in ring-necked

pheasant management in South Dakota may provide suggestions and comments on the Ring-necked Pheasant Action Plan until Monday, April 19.

The draft Ring-necked Pheasant Action plan can be found online at gfp.sd.gov/management-plans. Written comments on the plan can be sent to 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, S.D. 57501, or emailed to WildInfo@state.sd.us. Comments must be received by the deadline and include your full name and city of residence.

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