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Title: INNOVATING THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LAW UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 66-NQ/TW: THE INSTITUTIONAL PILLAR FOR REALIZING THE FOUR STRATEGIC BREAKTHROUGHS IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,

Recommendation:

Accept after minor revision

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		(✓)		
Techn. Quality		(✓)		
Clarity	(✓)			
Significance	(✓)			

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This article presents a thorough and timely analysis of Resolution No. 66-NQ/TW, convincingly positioning it as the fundamental "institutional pillar" for achieving Vietnam's four strategic breakthroughs in national development. The work stands as a significant scholarly contribution due to its systematic approach, compelling thesis, and practical recommendations.

The article's primary strength lies in its novel and highly relevant thesis, which argues that innovating lawmaking and law enforcement acts as the "breakthrough of all breakthroughs." This perspective effectively fills a gap in the existing literature. The author successfully grounds this argument in a robust theoretical foundation, skillfully integrating international scholarship from thinkers like North and Acemoglu & Robinson with a comprehensive review of domestic Vietnamese research. A particularly powerful element is the use of the "law-law enforcement ecosystem" as an analytical framework. This holistic concept moves beyond a simplistic view of law as mere text, instead presenting it as a dynamic system encompassing legal frameworks, institutions, processes, culture, and resources. The core analysis, which meticulously links Resolution 66 to each of the four strategic breakthroughs—institutional improvement, human resource development, infrastructure building, and science/technology advancement—is exceptionally detailed and persuasive. Furthermore, the recommendations provided are specific, actionable, and logically derived from the preceding analysis, with a sharp focus on data-driven governance and resource allocation that is particularly insightful.

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However, the article has areas that could be strengthened. The description of research methods, while listed, could be more explicit in demonstrating how they were applied to the data to generate findings. Key concepts such as "development-enabling mindset" and "institutional bottlenecks" are central to the argument but would benefit from more precise definitions early on to ensure reader clarity. The analysis, while expository and well-aligned with the Resolution's official stance, would gain academic rigor by incorporating a more critical perspective. Discussing potential implementation challenges, risks associated with the proposed data-driven model, or inherent trade-offs would add depth. A minor point for refinement is the transition from the literature review to the discussion, which could be smoother with a summarizing paragraph.

In conclusion, this is a well-structured, substantively rich, and highly valuable article. It makes a persuasive case for the centrality of legal and institutional innovation in Vietnam's development strategy. By addressing the minor points of methodological specificity, conceptual definition, and critical perspective, the article can be further polished into an even more robust and authoritative scholarly work. It is an essential read for policymakers, legal scholars, and anyone interested in the governance and development of contemporary Vietnam.