

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

Senator Miller

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an equine processing facility feasibility study; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. EQUINE PROCESSING FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

- 5 1. During the 2009-10 interim, the agricultural products utilization commission shall
6 consider providing a grant for a proposal to conduct an equine processing facility
7 feasibility study.
- 8 2. Any proposal to be considered by the agricultural products utilization commission
9 must:
- 10 a. Address the cost of constructing a new equine processing facility in this state;
11 b. Determine whether any existing structures could be converted to an equine
12 processing facility and the cost of converting the structures;
13 c. Determine the nature and scope of existing and potential markets, both
14 domestic and international, for equine meat and other byproducts of equine
15 processing;
16 d. Review federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines regarding equine
17 processing and evaluate the potential for amendments and modifications; and
18 e. Examine the potential for obtaining loans, grants, and other incentives in
19 order to further the development of an equine processing facility.
- 20 3. If the agricultural products utilization commission provides a grant for a study, the
21 commission shall report the findings and recommendations, together with any
22 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second
23 legislative assembly.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
2 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much
3 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing a
4 grant for an equine processing facility feasibility study as provided under section 1 of this Act,
5 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The department may only
6 spend the funding from the general fund to the extent matching funds are provided on a
7 dollar-for-dollar basis.