

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1009

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1296-1299 of the House Journal and pages 1177-1180 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1009 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 6, after "board" insert "; to provide for a report to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly"

Page 1, remove lines 15 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 and 2 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$9,712,364	\$1,148,831	\$10,861,195
Operating expenses	6,451,453	(566,191)	5,885,262
Capital assets	17,000	(5,000)	12,000
Grants	3,170,828	1,425,000	4,595,828
State board of animal health	2,153,952	(44,124)	2,109,828
Wildlife services	1,417,400	0	1,417,400
Crop harmonization board	75,000	0	75,000
Accrued leave payments	0	<u>237,295</u>	<u>237,295</u>
Total all funds	\$22,997,997	\$2,195,811	\$25,193,808
Less estimated income	<u>14,801,251</u>	<u>953,340</u>	<u>15,754,591</u>
Total general fund	\$8,196,746	\$1,242,471	\$9,439,217
Full-time equivalent positions	77.00	0.00	77.00"

Page 2, line 8, replace "\$5,997,408" with "\$6,064,403"

Page 2, line 15, remove "agriculture"

Page 2, line 15, after "department" insert "of agriculture"

Page 2, replace lines 25 through 30 with:

"SECTION 7. NORTH DAKOTA MEDIATION SERVICE - REPORT TO SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The agriculture commissioner shall provide a report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly regarding the activities of the North Dakota mediation service. The report must include information regarding the amount of funding used for the program, the use of contracted services for the program, the success of resolving disputes, and the amount of services provided for agriculture mediation, energy development mediation, and other mediation areas.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 4-01-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-01-21. Salary of agriculture commissioner.

The annual salary of the agriculture commissioner is ~~ninety-two thousand eight hundred twenty-six~~ninety-nine thousand four hundred thirty-five dollars through June 30, ~~2012~~2014, and ~~ninety-five thousand six hundred ten~~one hundred two thousand four hundred eighteen dollars thereafter."

Page 3, line 6, replace "\$485,000" with "\$727,500"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1009 - Department of Agriculture - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Salaries and wages	\$11,258,319	\$10,622,109	\$239,086	\$10,861,195	\$11,284,531	(\$423,336)
Operating expenses	5,772,262	5,772,262	113,000	5,885,262	5,885,262	
Capital assets	12,000	12,000		12,000	12,000	
Grants	4,050,828	3,970,828	625,000	4,595,828	4,675,828	(80,000)
State Board of Animal Health	2,135,803	2,109,828		2,109,828	2,135,803	(25,975)
Wildlife Services	1,417,400	1,417,400		1,417,400	1,417,400	
Crop Harmonization Board	75,000	75,000		75,000	75,000	
Accrued leave payments		237,295		237,295		237,295
Total all funds	\$24,721,612	\$24,216,722	\$977,086	\$25,193,808	\$25,485,824	(\$292,016)
Less estimated income	15,209,546	15,024,394	730,197	15,754,591	15,846,079	(91,488)
General fund	\$9,512,066	\$9,192,328	\$246,889	\$9,439,217	\$9,639,745	(\$200,528)
FTE	77.00	77.00	0.00	77.00	77.00	0.00

Department No. 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Removes House Changes to Executive Compensation Package¹	Adjusts State Employee Compensation and Benefits Package²	Adds Funding for Information Technology Desktop Support³	Expands Mediation Services Program⁴	Adds Funding for Livestock Auction Market News Reporting⁵	Increases Federal Funds Authority for Specialty Crop Grants⁶
Salaries and wages	\$451,102	(\$212,016)				
Operating expenses			48,000	50,000	15,000	
Capital assets						
Grants						625,000
State Board of Animal Health						
Wildlife Services						
Crop Harmonization Board						
Accrued leave payments						
Total all funds	\$451,102	(\$212,016)	\$48,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$625,000
Less estimated income	196,685	(91,488)	0	0	0	625,000
General fund	\$254,417	(\$120,528)	\$48,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	\$239,086
Operating expenses	113,000
Capital assets	
Grants	625,000
State Board of Animal Health	
Wildlife Services	
Crop Harmonization Board	
Accrued leave payments	
Total all funds	\$977,086
Less estimated income	730,197
General fund	\$246,889
FTE	0.00

¹ Changes made by the House to the executive compensation package are removed.

² This amendment adjusts the state employee compensation and benefits package as follows:

- Reduces the performance component from 3 to 5 percent per year to 3 to 5 percent for the first year of the biennium and 2 to 4 percent for the second year of the biennium.
- Reduces the market component from 2 to 4 percent per year to 1 to 2 percent per year for employees below the midpoint of their salary range.
- Reduces funding for retirement contribution increases to provide for a 1 percent state and 1 percent employee increase beginning in January 2014 and no increase in January 2015.

³ Funding for information technology desktop support services is increased by \$48,000 to provide total increased funding of \$96,000 as compared to 2011-13 biennium appropriations. The Senate also added this funding.

⁴ Funding of \$50,000 is added to expand the mediation services program to address mediation issues arising from energy development. The Senate also added this funding.

⁵ Funding from the general fund is added for livestock auction market news reporting to replace estimated decreases in federal funds. The Senate also added this funding.

⁶ Other funds authority for specialty crop grants is increased by \$625,000 to reflect anticipated federal funds to be received for the program.

This amendment also:

- Adjusts Section 3 of the bill regarding the amount of funding appropriated from the environment and rangeland protection fund.
- Adjusts Section 7 of the bill to provide a 4 percent salary increase on July 1, 2013, and a 3 percent salary increase on July 1, 2014, for the Agriculture Commissioner. The House provided 3 percent annual salary increases and the Senate provided 4 percent annual salary increases.
- Amends Section 8 of the bill to deposit the first \$727,500 of commercial feed inspection, licensing, and registration fees in the environment and rangeland protection fund rather than all fees as provided in the Senate version. The House provided for the first \$485,000 of fee revenue to be deposited in the fund. Total fee revenue is estimated to be \$970,000 during the 2013-15 biennium.
- Adds a section to require the Agriculture Commissioner to provide a report to the Appropriations Committees of the 64th Legislative Assembly regarding the activities of the North Dakota Mediation Service.