

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota
2 state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation
3 institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm; to amend
4 and reenact sections 4-05.1-05 and 4-08-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to main
5 research center experiment station and extension service position adjustments; and to provide
6 an exemption.

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

8 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
9 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
10 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
11 other income, to the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops
12 institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch
13 research centers, and agronomy seed farm, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
14 North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great
15 plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and
16 agronomy seed farm, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, as
17 follows:

18 Subdivision 1.

19 NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
22 Extension service	\$52,517,908	(\$961,158)	\$51,556,750
23 Soil conservation committee	<u>1,133,362</u>	<u>(41,842)</u>	<u>1,091,520</u>
24 Total all funds	\$53,651,270	(\$1,003,000)	\$52,648,270

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1	Less estimated income	<u>25,826,708</u>	<u>847,676</u>	<u>26,674,384</u>
2	Total general fund	\$27,824,562	(\$1,850,676)	\$25,973,886
3	Full-time equivalent positions	263.91	(10.93)	252.98
4	Subdivision 2.			

NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE

6			Adjustments or	
7		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
8	Northern crops institute	<u>\$3,712,202</u>	<u>(\$66,993)</u>	<u>\$3,645,209</u>
9	Total all funds	\$3,712,202	(\$66,993)	\$3,645,209
10	Less estimated income	<u>1,747,735</u>	<u>8,480</u>	<u>1,756,215</u>
11	Total general fund	\$1,964,467	(\$75,473)	\$1,888,994
12	Full-time equivalent positions	12.00	(0.20)	11.80
13	Subdivision 3.			

UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

15			Adjustments or	
16		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
17	Upper great plains transportation	<u>\$22,076,448</u>	<u>(\$7,704)</u>	<u>\$22,068,744</u>
18	institute			
19	Total all funds	\$22,076,448	(\$7,704)	\$22,068,744
20	Less estimated income	<u>18,175,657</u>	<u>447,773</u>	<u>18,623,430</u>
21	Total general fund	\$3,900,791	(\$455,477)	\$3,445,314
22	Full-time equivalent positions	54.98	(11.10)	43.88
23	Subdivision 4.			

MAIN RESEARCH CENTER

25			Adjustments or	
26		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
27	Main research center	<u>\$110,529,780</u>	<u>(\$1,812,588)</u>	<u>\$108,717,192</u>
28	Total all funds	\$110,529,780	(\$1,812,588)	\$108,717,192
29	Less estimated income	<u>56,948,525</u>	<u>2,162,877</u>	<u>59,111,402</u>
30	Total general fund	\$53,581,255	(\$3,975,465)	\$49,605,790
31	Full-time equivalent positions	353.85	(17.73)	336.12

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1 Subdivision 5.

2 BRANCH RESEARCH CENTERS

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
5 Dickinson research extension center	\$6,996,678	(\$167,861)	\$6,828,817
6 Central grasslands research	3,531,779	(105,667)	3,426,112
7 extension center			
8 Hettinger research extension center	5,086,767	(108,523)	4,978,244
9 Langdon research extension center	3,045,836	(79,363)	2,966,473
10 North central research extension center	5,044,213	(87,451)	4,956,762
11 Williston research extension center	5,267,400	(145,037)	5,122,363
12 Carrington research extension center	<u>9,328,093</u>	<u>(145,655)</u>	<u>9,182,438</u>
13 Total all funds	\$38,300,766	(\$839,557)	\$37,461,209
14 Less estimated income	<u>19,817,130</u>	<u>471,108</u>	<u>20,288,238</u>
15 Total general fund	\$18,483,636	(\$1,310,665)	\$17,172,971
16 Full-time equivalent positions	113.94	(3.65)	110.29

17 Subdivision 6.

18 AGRONOMY SEED FARM

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
21 Agronomy seed farm	<u>\$1,521,007</u>	<u>\$15,744</u>	<u>\$1,536,751</u>
22 Total special funds	\$1,521,007	\$15,744	\$1,536,751
23 Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	0.00	3.00

24 Subdivision 7.

25 BILL TOTAL

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
28 Grand total general fund	\$105,754,711	(\$7,667,756)	\$98,086,955
29 Grand total other funds	<u>124,036,762</u>	<u>3,953,658</u>	<u>127,990,420</u>
30 Grand total all funds	\$229,791,473	(\$3,714,098)	\$226,077,375

1 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
2 items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted for the 2015-17 biennium:

3	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
4	Agronomy laboratories	\$150,000	\$0
5	Rural leadership project	141,252	0
6	Seed cleaning plants	4,408,224	0
7	Upper great plains transportation institute road study	628,823	0
8	Junior master gardener program	12,500	0
9	Veterinary diagnostic laboratory	18,000,000	0
10	Dust issues technical support	100,000	0
11	Land purchase - Langdon	350,000	0
12	Flooded lands study	<u>67,952</u>	<u>0</u>
13	Total all funds	\$23,858,751	\$0
14	Total other funds	<u>21,325,000</u>	<u>0</u>
15	Total general fund	\$2,533,751	\$0

16 **SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION.** In addition to the amount
17 included in the grand total other funds appropriation line item in section 1 of this Act, any other
18 income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other
19 sources received by the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops
20 institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch
21 research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise provided by law, is
22 appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation, for the biennium
23 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

24 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26 **4-05.1-05. North Dakota state university main research center position adjustments -**
27 **Budget section report.**

28 The North Dakota state university main research center must be located on the campus of
29 North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science. The center is the administrative
30 location of the agricultural experiment station. The center shall conduct research and coordinate
31 all research activities of the agricultural experiment station. The research must have, as a

1 purpose, the development and dissemination of technology important to the production and
2 utilization of food, feed, fiber, and fuel from crop and livestock enterprises. The research must
3 provide for an enhancement of the quality of life, sustainability of production, and protection of
4 the environment. Subject to the availability of funds, the station director may adjust or increase
5 full-time equivalent positions in order to carry out activities to accomplish the mission of the
6 agricultural experiment station. Twelve-month employees whose employment is not limited in
7 duration must accrue leave pursuant to provisions of section 54-06-14. All full or partial
8 positions must be separate from North Dakota state university. Annually, the station director
9 shall report to the office of management and budget and to the budget section any adjustments
10 or increases made pursuant to this section. The center may conduct baseline research,
11 including production and processing in conjunction with the research and extension centers of
12 the state, regarding industrial hemp and other alternative industrial use crops. The center may
13 collect feral hemp seed stock and develop appropriate adapted strains of industrial hemp which
14 contain less than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol in the dried flowering tops.
15 The agriculture commissioner shall monitor the collection of feral hemp seed stock and
16 industrial hemp strain development and shall certify appropriate stocks for licensed commercial
17 cultivation.

18 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-08-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
19 and reenacted as follows:

20 **4-08-10. Extension agent to submit monthly account of expenditures - Position**
21 **adjustments - Budget section report.**

22 The extension agent shall submit monthly an accurate itemized account of all expenditures
23 incurred by the agent in the regular conduct of duties to the North Dakota state university
24 extension service for examination and audit. When charges are made by an extension agent for
25 money expended in the performance of official duties, all items of one dollar or more expended
26 and charged for must be covered by a subvoucher or receipt that must be signed by the person
27 to whom the money was paid. The subvoucher or receipt must show at what place, on what
28 date, and for what the money expended was paid. The extension agent shall forward the
29 subvouchers or receipts with the bill, claim, account, or demand against the county. When
30 charges are made for transportation expenses, they may not exceed the amounts provided by
31 section 11-10-15, and must be in itemized form showing the mileage traveled, the days when

1 and how traveled, and the purpose thereof, verified by affidavit. The account must be
2 transmitted and recommended for payment by the North Dakota state university extension
3 service which shall audit the same and which may approve or disallow any expense item
4 therein. The state board of agricultural research and education and the president of North
5 Dakota state university shall control and administer the North Dakota state university extension
6 service subject to the supervision of the state board of higher education. Funds appropriated to
7 the North Dakota state university extension service may not be commingled with funds
8 appropriated to North Dakota state university. An appropriation request to defray expenses of
9 the North Dakota state university extension service must be separate from an appropriation
10 request to defray expenses of North Dakota state university. Subject to the availability of funds,
11 the director of the North Dakota state university extension service may adjust or increase
12 full-time equivalent positions in order to carry out activities to accomplish the mission of the
13 extension service. Twelve-month employees whose employment is not limited in duration must
14 accrue leave pursuant to provisions of section 54-06-14. All full- or part-time positions must be
15 separate from North Dakota state university. Annually, the director of the North Dakota state
16 university extension service shall report to the office of management and budget and to the
17 budget section any adjustments or increases made pursuant to this section.

18 **SECTION 6. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS**

19 **INCOME.** The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues
20 received during the 2017-19 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing
21 operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for
22 one-time expenditures for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

23 **SECTION 7. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS**

24 **INCOME - REPORT.** The Williston research extension center shall report to the sixty-sixth
25 legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or
26 easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and the
27 biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

28 **SECTION 8. TRANSFER AUTHORITY.** Upon approval of the state board of agricultural

29 research and education and appropriate branch research center directors, the director of the
30 main research center may transfer appropriation authority within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of

1 section 1 of this Act. Any amounts transferred must be reported to the director of the office of
2 management and budget.

3 **SECTION 9. FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS.** The state board of
4 higher education may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities
5 in section 1 of this Act, subject to availability of funds. All full-time or part-time positions must be
6 separate from North Dakota state university. Annually, the board shall report to the office of
7 management and budget and to the budget section any adjustments made pursuant to this
8 section.

9 **SECTION 10. UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME.** Any unexpended
10 general fund appropriation authority to and any excess income received by entities listed in
11 section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any
12 unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be expended
13 by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

14 **SECTION 11. EXEMPTION.** The amounts appropriated for the veterinary diagnostic
15 laboratory and the seed cleaning plants contained in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of
16 the 2015 Session Laws, are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any
17 unexpended funds from these appropriations or related revenues are available and may be
18 expended during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.