

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**02/23/2021**

Amendment to: HB 1475

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium		2023-2025 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>Appropriations</b>			\$5,000,000			

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium	2023-2025 Biennium
<b>Counties</b>			
<b>Cities</b>			
<b>School Districts</b>			
<b>Townships</b>			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

HB 1475 creates the agriculture innovation fund to provide loans from the fund for the support of new or expanded value-added agriculture businesses.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 2 of HB 1475 transfers \$5,000,000 from the general fund to the agriculture innovation fund. The funds are appropriated, on a continuing basis, for loan disbursements and administrative costs pursuant to Section 1 of HB 1475.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

There is no effect on revenues. The agriculture innovation fund proposed in HB 1475 is a revolving loan fund, administered by BND.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The proposed agriculture innovation fund will be under the administration of BND. While this program alone will not require a FTE, as the administered loan programs grow and expand, there will be additional FTE positions required at BND.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The appropriation of \$5,000,000 is a transfer from the general fund to the agriculture innovation fund. HB 1475 proposes the agriculture innovation fund have a continuing appropriation enabling Bank of North Dakota to develop policies for loans in consultation with the agriculture products utilization commission. The agriculture innovation fund is a revolving loan fund administered by BND.

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