

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1496**

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

Senator Miller

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the department of commerce to conduct an equine processing  
2 facility feasibility study; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STUDY.**

5 1. During the 2009-10 interim, the department of commerce shall conduct an equine  
6 processing facility feasibility study.

7 2. The feasibility study must:

8 a. Address the cost of constructing a new equine processing facility in this state;

9 b. Determine whether any existing structures could be converted to an equine  
10 processing facility and the cost of converting the structures;

11 c. Determine the nature and scope of existing and potential markets, both  
12 domestic and international, for equine meat and other byproducts of equine  
13 processing;

14 d. Review federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines regarding equine  
15 processing and evaluate the potential for amendments and modifications; and

16 e. Examine the potential for obtaining loans, grants, and other incentives in order  
17 to further the development of an equine processing facility.

18 3. The department of commerce shall report its findings and recommendations,  
19 together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the  
20 sixty-second legislative assembly.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
22 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much  
23 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of conducting

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- 1 an equine processing facility feasibility study as provided under section 1 of this Act, for the
- 2 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.