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Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

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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.

- 1. During the 2009-10 interim, the department of commerce shall conduct an equine processing facility feasibility study.
- 2. The feasibility study must:
 - a. Address the cost of constructing a new equine processing facility in this state;
 - Determine whether any existing structures could be converted to an equine processing facility and the cost of converting the structures;
 - Determine the nature and scope of existing and potential markets, both domestic and international, for equine meat and other byproducts of equine processing;
 - d. Review federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines regarding equine processing and evaluate the potential for amendments and modifications; and
 - e. Examine the potential for obtaining loans, grants, and other incentives in order to further the development of an equine processing facility.
 - The department of commerce shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.
- **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the agricultural fuel tax fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$75,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of

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