Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

SECOND ENGROSSMENT

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

Senator Miller

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an equine processing facility feasibility study; and to provide an

2 appropriation.

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

4 SECTION 1. EQUINE PROCESSING FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY.

- 5 1. During the 2009-10 interim, the agricultural products utilization commission shall 6 consider providing a grant for a proposal to conduct an equine processing facility 7 feasibility study.
- 8 2. Any proposal to be considered by the agricultural products utilization commission
 9 must:
- 10 a. Address the cost of constructing a new equine processing facility in this state;
- b. Determine whether any existing structures could be converted to an equine
 processing facility and the cost of converting the structures;
- c. Determine the nature and scope of existing and potential markets, both
 domestic and international, for equine meat and other byproducts of equine
 processing;
- 16d.Review federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines regarding equine17processing 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.
- If the agricultural products utilization commission provides a grant for a study, the
 commission shall report the findings and recommendations, together with any
 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second
 legislative assembly.

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1 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the 2 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much 3 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing a 4 grant for an equine processing facility feasibility study as provided under section 1 of this Act, 5 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The department may only 6 spend the funding from the general fund to the extent matching funds are provided on a 7 dollar-for-dollar basis.