

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1208-1210 of the House Journal and pages 969-971 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1021 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 10, replace "11,236,409" with "11,292,661"

Page 1, line 11, replace "7,302,181" with "7,262,014"

Page 1, line 13, replace "498,122" with "898,122"

Page 1, line 16, replace "1,200,000" with "1,700,000"

Page 1, line 17, replace "650,000" with "1,050,000"

Page 1, after line 20, insert:

"Waterbank program 500,000"

Page 1, line 22, replace "25,859,916" with "27,676,001"

Page 1, line 23, replace "\$650,000" with "\$1,050,000"

Page 2, after line 19, insert:

**"SECTION 6. WATERBANK PROGRAM.** The amount of \$500,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled waterbank program in section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish department operating fund and shall be used to increase water storage and enhance wildlife habitat in North Dakota. Priority shall be given to contracts to increase upper basin storage and enhance wildlife habitat in the Devils Lake basin. Contracts and agreements relating to the waterbank program may be entered into by the director of the game and fish department, in cooperation with the commissioner of agriculture."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**DEPARTMENT 720 - GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE** - This amendment removes \$40,167 relating to risk management premiums and adds \$500,000 from the Game and Fish Department operating fund for the waterbank program. This amendment also adds a new section authorizing the Game and Fish Department to enter into contracts and agreements relating to the waterbank program, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Agriculture.

This amendment increases the land habitat and deer depredation line item by \$500,000 from the Game and Fish Department operating fund to provide materials and other assistance to landowners to construct deerproof fences around hay yards.

This amendment adds \$400,000 to the wildlife habitat line item to reflect the increased fee collections anticipated as a result of 1997 House Bill No. 1395.

This amendment also adds the following items which were removed by the House:

\$56,252 and the authority for a full-time equivalent (FTE) audiovisual production specialist I.

The authority for an FTE administrative secretary III for the Lonetree wildlife area.

\$400,000 for construction of a southeastern regional office.

	ENGROSSED BILL	RESTORE TWO FTE POSITIONS	RESTORE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	REMOVE RISK MANAGEMENT PREMIUMS	OTHER CHANGES	TOTAL CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE INCREASE (DECREASE) TO SENATE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$11,236,409	\$56,252				\$56,252	\$11,292,661	\$11,292,661	
Operating expenses	7,302,181			\$(40,167)		(40,167)	7,262,014	7,262,014	
Equipment	638,150						638,150	638,150	
Capital improvements	498,122		\$400,000			400,000	898,122	898,122	
Grants	2,548,400						2,548,400	2,548,400	
Noxious weed control	200,000						200,000	200,000	
Land habitat and	1,200,000				\$500,000	500,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	
deer depredation									
Wildlife habitat	650,000				400,000	400,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	
Small and big game	400,000						400,000	400,000	
restoration trust									
Grants, gifts, and	100,000						100,000	100,000	
donations									
Nongame wildlife	120,000						120,000	120,000	
Waterbank program					500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	
Lonetree Reservoir	966,654						966,654	966,654	
Total special funds	\$25,859,916	\$56,252	\$400,000	\$(40,167)	\$1,400,000	\$1,816,085	\$27,676,001	\$27,676,001	\$ 0
FTE	126.00	2.00				2.00	128.00	128.00	