

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1427

Page 1, line 1, remove "establishment of an agricultural consultation board and"

Page 1, replace lines 6 through 23 with:

**"SECTION 1. Agricultural products utilization commission -  
Apportionment of research funds.**

1. The agricultural products utilization commission annually shall apportion the proceeds of the North Dakota agricultural research fund as follows:
  - a. Seventy percent to the grant committees of the North Dakota agricultural commodity groups that raise research moneys through perpetual fundraising mechanisms, provided that:
    - (1) The commodity represented accounts for at least two percent of the gross sales of all agricultural commodities grown or produced in the state;
    - (2) The percentage of the dollars available for each agricultural commodity group under this section may not exceed the percentage that the gross sales of the agricultural commodity bear to the North Dakota gross sales of all agricultural commodities grown or produced during the previous year, as determined by the agricultural statistics service; and
    - (3) The grant committee of an agricultural commodity group obtains and commits funds equal to twenty-five percent of the total amount awarded or distributed to the research project.
  - b. Eighteen percent to the grant committee representing animal agriculture.
  - c. Twelve percent to the grant committee representing new and emerging crops.
2. Any moneys not expended by a grant committee during the first year of a biennium may be reallocated by the agricultural products utilization commission to the same or to a different grant committee during the second year of the biennium.

**SECTION 2. Agricultural commodity groups - Grant committees.**

1. The governing body of each agricultural commodity group shall establish a committee to accept moneys apportioned by the agricultural products utilization commission under section 1, solicit proposals for research projects related to enhancing the impact of an agricultural commodity on the economy of this state, and distribute or award the moneys as research grants. Each committee must consist of:
  - a. Four individuals who are growers or producers and who are members of the agricultural commodity group, appointed by the commodity group's governing body;

- b. The director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station or the director's designee;
  - c. An individual who has a background in agricultural research and experience in the contemplated field of study, appointed by the director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station; and
  - d. An individual who is employed in the private sector and who has a background in agricultural research, appointed by the agricultural commodity group's governing body.
2. The governing body of the agricultural commodity group shall determine the terms of office for its grant committee members and may provide for the compensation of the grant committee members and expense reimbursement at the same rate and in the same manner as provided for members of the commodity group's governing body.
  3. A grant committee shall select one of the committee members to serve as chairman for the period determined by the commodity group's governing body.

### **SECTION 3. Animal agriculture - Establishment of grant committee.**

1. A grant committee representing animal agriculture is established for the purpose of accepting moneys apportioned by the agricultural products utilization commission under section 1, soliciting proposals for research projects related to the study of traditional and nontraditional livestock and forage production, and distributing or awarding the moneys as research grants. The committee must consist of:
  - a. One producer appointed by the North Dakota beef commission;
  - b. One producer appointed by the North Dakota stockmen's association;
  - c. One producer appointed by the North Dakota milk producers association;
  - d. One producer appointed by the North Dakota pork producers association;
  - e. One producer appointed by the North Dakota lamb and wool producers association;
  - f. One producer appointed by the North Dakota bison producers association;
  - g. The director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station or the director's designee;
  - h. An individual who has a background in agricultural research and experience in the contemplated field of study, appointed by the director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station; and
  - i. An individual who is employed in the private sector and who has a background in agricultural research, appointed collectively by the governing bodies of the commodity groups identified in subdivisions a through f.
2. The appointing authorities collectively shall determine the terms of office for the grant committee members and may provide for the compensation of the

grant committee members and expense reimbursement at the same rate and in the same manner as provided for members of the governing bodies of the represented commodity groups.

3. The grant committee shall select one of the committee members to serve as chairman for the period determined by the committee.

#### **SECTION 4. New or emerging crops - Establishment of grant committee.**

1. A grant committee representing new or emerging crops is established for the purpose of accepting moneys apportioned by the agricultural products utilization commission under section 1, soliciting proposals for research projects related to the study of new or emerging crops, and distributing or awarding the moneys as research grants. The committee must consist of:
  - a. Four individuals who are growers or producers of a new or emerging crop or who have a familiarity with new or emerging crops, appointed by the agricultural products utilization commission;
  - b. The director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station or the director's designee;
  - c. An individual who has a background in agricultural research and experience in the contemplated field of study, appointed by the director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station; and
  - d. An individual who is employed in the private sector and who has a background in agricultural research, appointed by the agricultural products utilization commission.
2. The agricultural products utilization commission shall determine the terms of office for the grant committee members and, using a portion of the moneys available for award or distribution to the grant committee, may provide for the compensation of the grant committee members and expense reimbursement at the same rate and in the same manner as provided for members of the agricultural products utilization commission.
3. The grant committee shall select one of the committee members to serve as chairman for the period determined by the agricultural products utilization commission.

**SECTION 5. Distribution of research grants.** Each grant committee shall distribute or award the moneys available for research grants on a competitive basis to persons affiliated with institutions of higher education or research organizations in this state or in other states for the purpose of conducting research with a view to enhancing the impact of an agricultural commodity on the economy of this state. An out-of-state grant recipient must provide matching funds in an amount equal to the research grant and must designate a person affiliated with an institution of higher education in this state or with a research organization in this state to serve as a coordinator and collaborator."

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Page 3, remove lines 1 through 15

Renumber accordingly