FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2334

Introduced by

Senators Bowman, O'Connell, Stenehjem

Representatives Berg, Boucher

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a beef systems center of excellence.

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

| 3 | SEC | TIO | N 1. B | EEF SYSTEMS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE. |
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| 4 | 1. | North Dakota state university shall establish a beef systems center of excellence in | | |
| 5 | | the department of animal and range science. The beef systems center of | | |
| 6 | | excellence shall: | | |
| 7 | | a. Create a model for the development of an integrated meat processing | | |
| 8 | | industry; | | |
| 9 | | b. Enhance North Dakota state university's ability to provide research related to: | | |
| 10 | | | (1) | The effects of genetics, management, and nutrition regimens on |
| 11 | | | | carcass yield, quality, and sensory characteristics; |
| 12 | | | (2) | Food safety and nutrition of the resulting meat products; |
| 13 | | | (3) | New and emerging technologies in slaughter, fabrication, processing |
| 14 | | | | and value-added products; and |
| 15 | | | (4) | Meat and meat product marketing; and |
| 16 | | c. Provide training, education, and outreach opportunities to students, | | |
| 17 | | businesses, and beef cattle producers. | | |
| 18 | 2. | North Dakota state university may accept gifts, grants, and donations from public | | |
| 19 | | and nonpublic sources to support and benefit the creation and efforts of the beef | | |
| 20 | | systems center of excellence, and any gifts, grants, and donations so received are | | |
| 21 | | appropriated to North Dakota state university for purposes of the beef systems | | |
| 22 | | center of excellence. | | |