

HOUSE BILL NO. 1389

Introduced by

Representatives Skarphol, Wald

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4-05.1 and a new section to
2 chapter 4-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to North Dakota state university
3 extension service and experiment station reports; and to amend and reenact sections
4 4-05.1-02, 4-05.1-04, and 4-08-10 and subsection 1 of section 54-34.3-12 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code, relating to the North Dakota agricultural experiment stations and value-added
6 agriculture production programs.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **4-05.1-02. Agricultural experiment station.** ~~The state board of agricultural research~~
11 ~~and education and the president of North Dakota state university~~ with advice from the state
12 board of agricultural research shall control and administer the North Dakota agricultural
13 experiment station subject to the supervision of the state board of higher education. Funds
14 appropriated to the agricultural experiment station may not be commingled with funds
15 appropriated to North Dakota state university. Appropriation requests to defray expenses of the
16 agricultural experiment station must be separate from appropriation requests to defray
17 expenses of North Dakota state university.

18 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 4-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
19 created and enacted as follows:

20 **Agricultural experiment station - Long-term plan - Report to budget section.**
21 During July of each even-numbered year, or as close thereto as practicable, the president of
22 North Dakota state university shall present to the budget section of the legislative council a
23 five-, ten-, and fifteen-year plan addressing the future of agriculture in this state and the role to
24 be filled by the agricultural experiment station.

1 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **4-05.1-04. Reports.** Each center director shall submit an annual report to the station
4 director ~~as directed by the state board of agricultural research and education~~. Each report must
5 set forth in detail the investigations and experiments made during the preceding year,
6 recommendations for the welfare of the center, the financial condition of the center, how all
7 moneys have been expended, and the results of experiments. The station director shall submit
8 these reports, with a report of the North Dakota state university main research center, to the
9 state board of ~~agricultural research and education and the state board of higher education~~ on or
10 before the first day of September of each year. If the state board of higher education submits a
11 biennial report to the governor and the secretary of state in accordance with section 54-06-04,
12 the report must include a composite of the reports from the main research center and each
13 research extension center.

14 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 4-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 created and enacted as follows:

16 **North Dakota state university extension service - Reports to budget section.** The
17 North Dakota state university extension service shall present an annual report to the budget
18 section of the legislative council. During July of each even-numbered year, or as close thereto
19 as practicable, the North Dakota state university extension service shall present a projected
20 research budget to the budget section of the legislative council. The report must include a list
21 of current research projects and their completion dates, the cost of the projects, the source of
22 all funds used to pay for the projects, and a copy of any contractual clauses referencing
23 predetermined research results. The report must also include the state board of agricultural
24 research's prioritization of all research projects and recommendations by the North Dakota
25 state university extension service regarding the prioritization. The budget section may alter the
26 priority status of any research project. During July of each odd-numbered year, or as close
27 thereto as practicable, the North Dakota state university extension service shall present to the
28 budget section a report setting forth the status of research projects.

29 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-08-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
30 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **4-08-10. Extension agent to submit monthly account of expenditures.** The
2 extension agent shall submit monthly an accurate itemized account of all expenditures incurred
3 by the agent in the regular conduct of duties to the North Dakota state university extension
4 service for examination and audit. When charges are made by an extension agent for money
5 expended in the performance of official duties, all items of one dollar or more expended and
6 charged for must be covered by a subvoucher or receipt that must be signed by the person to
7 whom the money was paid. The subvoucher or receipt must show at what place, on what date,
8 and for what the money expended was paid. The extension agent shall forward the
9 subvouchers or receipts with the bill, claim, account, or demand against the county. When
10 charges are made for transportation expenses, they may not exceed the amounts provided by
11 section 11-10-15, and must be in itemized form showing the mileage traveled, the days when
12 and how traveled, and the purpose thereof, verified by affidavit. The account must be
13 transmitted and recommended for payment by the North Dakota state university extension
14 service which shall audit the same and which may approve or disallow any expense item
15 therein. ~~The state board of agricultural research and education and the president of North~~
16 Dakota state university with advice from the state board of agricultural research and education
17 shall control and administer the North Dakota state university extension service subject to the
18 supervision of the state board of higher education. Funds appropriated to the North Dakota
19 state university extension service may not be commingled with funds appropriated to North
20 Dakota state university. An appropriation request to defray expenses of the North Dakota state
21 university extension service must be separate from an appropriation request to defray expenses
22 of North Dakota state university.

23 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-34.3-12 of the North Dakota
24 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

25 1. The value-added agriculture promotion board is established. The board consists of
26 ~~eight~~ seven members as follows: the director of the department of commerce
27 division of economic development and finance or the director's representative; the
28 agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's representative; ~~a representative of~~
29 ~~the state board of agricultural research and education, appointed by the governor;~~
30 a representative of the North Dakota state university extension service, appointed
31 by the governor; a representative of the Bank of North Dakota, appointed by the

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- 1 governor; two representatives of the private sector, appointed by the governor; and
- 2 a representative of the farm credit system, appointed by the governor.