

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2334
(Senators Bowman, O'Connell, Stenehjem)
(Representatives Berg, Boucher)

AN ACT to provide for a beef systems center of excellence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. BEEF SYSTEMS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.

1. North Dakota state university may establish a beef systems center of excellence in the department of animal and range science. The beef systems center of excellence may:
 - a. Create a model for the development of an integrated meat processing industry;
 - b. Enhance North Dakota state university's ability to provide research related to:
 - (1) The effects of genetics, management, and nutrition regimens on carcass yield, quality, and sensory characteristics;
 - (2) Food safety and nutrition of the resulting meat products;
 - (3) New and emerging technologies in slaughter, fabrication, processing and value-added products; and
 - (4) Meat and meat product marketing; and
 - c. Provide training, education, and outreach opportunities to students, businesses, and beef cattle producers.
2. North Dakota state university may accept gifts, grants, and donations from public and nonpublic sources to support and benefit the creation and efforts of the beef systems center of excellence, and any gifts, grants, and donations so received are appropriated to North Dakota state university for purposes of the beef systems center of excellence.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2334.

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 80 Nays 2 Absent 12

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State