

April 22, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2245

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1223-1225 of the Senate Journal and pages 1403-1405 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2245 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide an appropriation to the agriculture commissioner for an intermodal facility grant program; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - INTERMODAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING.

There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of an intermodal facility grant program for capital construction projects that will expand rail capacity to support economic and workforce development and growth and enhance the value of agriculture and commercial products exported through an intermodal facility in North Dakota for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2023. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

1. The agriculture commissioner shall establish guidelines for awarding grants under the program.
2. Grants may be awarded only to an organization dedicated to the expansion of rail capacity at an existing intermodal facility in the state connected to and served by a class I railroad. Grant funds may be used only to pay for capital costs associated with engineering, labor, equipment, and materials related to rail track expansion.
3. The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital projects fund.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment provides an appropriation of \$2 million from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to the Agriculture Commissioner for an intermodal facility grant program for capital construction projects, rather than a \$2.5 million appropriation from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund.