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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2009

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the agriculture commissioner; and to provide for a transfer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the agriculture commissioner, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows.

	Base Level	Governor's Recommendation	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$15,717,126	$17,331,419	$15,717,126
Operating expenses	6,848,052	6,800,173	6,848,052
Capital assets	15,000	7,000	15,000
Grants	9,031,774	10,005,969	9,031,774
COVID-19 specialty grants	0	3,500,000	0
Bioscience innovation grants	0	5,500,000	0
Agricultural products utilization commission	1,760,417	5,110,417	1,760,417
North Dakota trade office	1,600,000	2,100,000	1,600,000
Board of animal health	865,718	695,218	865,718
Wildlife services	1,457,400	1,657,400	1,457,400
Pipeline restoration and reclamation oversight program	200,000	200,000	200,000

Crop harmonization board	75,000	75,000	75,000
Total all funds	$37,570,487	$52,982,596	$37,570,487
Less estimated income	24,110,775	37,205,188	24,110,775
Total general fund	$13,459,712	$15,777,408	$13,459,712
Full-time equivalent positions	79.00	81.00	79.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium:

One-Time Funding Description	2021-23	2023-25
Agricultural products utilization commission	$2,700,000	$0
Soil health grants	700,000	0
Grasslands grazing grants	5,000,000	0
Bioscience innovation grant program	5,500,000	0
Federal environmental law impact review	5,000,000	0
Intermodal facility construction grant program	2,000,000	0
Total all funds	$20,900,000	$0
Less estimated income	10,400,000	0
Total general fund	$10,500,000	$0

SECTION 3. ESTIMATED INCOME - TRANSFER - STATE WATER COMMISSION. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $125,000 which the state water commission shall transfer to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the wildlife services program.

SECTION 4. TRANSFER - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND - MINOR USE PESTICIDE FUND. The agriculture commissioner shall transfer $325,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $6,899,395 from the environment and rangeland protection fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of various agriculture commissioner programs.

SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - GAME AND FISH FUND. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $619,329 from the game and fish department

operating fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of various agriculture commissioner programs.

SECTION 7. ESTIMATED INCOME - PIPELINE RESTORATION AND RECLAMATION. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $200,000 from the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the pipeline restoration and reclamation program.

SECTION 8. TRADE OFFICE - MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT. The North Dakota trade office line item and the general fund appropriation in section 1 of this Act include $1,600,000 of funding related to the North Dakota trade office. The agriculture commissioner may spend sixty percent of this amount without requiring any matching funds from the trade office. Any additional amounts may be spent only to the extent the North Dakota trade office provides one dollar of matching funds from private or other public sources for each one dollar provided by the agriculture commissioner. Matching funds may include money spent by businesses or organizations to pay salaries to export assistants, providing training to export assistants, or to purchase computer equipment as part of the North Dakota trade office's export assistant program.

SECTION 9. WATERBANK PROGRAM - MATCHING FUNDS. The salaries and wages line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to $50,000 from the general fund for matching funds for the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund grant provided for the waterbank program.