

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**House Bill No. 1009 - Department of Agriculture - Senate Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$17,042,562	\$17,976,536		\$17,976,536
New and vacant FTE pool		587,646	\$166,831	754,477
Operating expenses	7,426,173	8,222,860	(208,604)	8,014,256
Capital assets	7,000	11,100		11,100
Grants	10,953,969	16,215,269	2,580,000	18,795,269
State Board of Animal Health	865,718	857,361		857,361
Wildlife Services	1,657,400	1,657,400	150,000	1,807,400
Crop Harmonization Board	75,000	75,000		75,000
Pipeline restoration and reclamation	200,000			
Ag. Products Utilization Commission	2,110,417	5,110,417		5,110,417
North Dakota Trade Office	1,600,000	2,000,000		2,000,000
Pipeline and royalty oversight programs		500,000		500,000
Total all funds	\$41,938,239	\$53,213,589	\$2,688,227	\$55,901,816
Less estimated income	27,117,306	36,518,227	2,754,113	39,272,340
General fund	\$14,820,933	\$16,695,362	(\$65,886)	\$16,629,476
FTE	80.00	80.00	1.00	81.00

Department 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for an FTE Plant Protection Position¹	Removes Funding for State Fleet Rate Increases²	Adds Funding for the Grape and Wine Grant Program³	Adds Funding for the Wildlife Services Program⁴	Adjusts Funding from One-Time to Ongoing⁵	Adds One- Time Funding⁶
Salaries and wages						
New and vacant FTE pool	\$166,831					
Operating expenses	41,396	(\$250,000)				
Capital assets						
Grants			\$80,000			\$2,500,000
State Board of Animal Health						
Wildlife Services				\$150,000		
Crop Harmonization Board						
Pipeline restoration and reclamation						
Ag. Products Utilization Commission						
North Dakota Trade Office						
Pipeline and royalty oversight programs						
Total all funds	\$208,227	(\$250,000)	\$80,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
Less estimated income	104,113	0	0	150,000	0	2,500,000
General fund	\$104,114	(\$250,000)	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	
New and vacant FTE pool	\$166,831
Operating expenses	(208,604)
Capital assets	
Grants	2,580,000
State Board of Animal Health	
Wildlife Services	150,000
Crop Harmonization Board	
Pipeline restoration and reclamation	
Ag. Products Utilization Commission	
North Dakota Trade Office	
Pipeline and royalty oversight programs	
Total all funds	\$2,688,227
Less estimated income	2,754,113
General fund	(\$65,886)
FTE	1.00

¹ Funding of \$113,382 from the general fund and \$113,382 from the environment and rangeland protection fund is added for an FTE plant protection position, including \$41,396 for operating expenses. Funding for salaries and wages is decreased by \$185,368 and funding of \$166,831 is added to the new and vacant FTE pool for the position resulting in net savings of \$18,537.

² Removes \$250,000 added by the House for state fleet rate increases to provide a total of \$500,000 from the general fund. The House provided \$750,000 from the general fund for state fleet rate increases.

³ Funding of \$80,000 from the general fund is added to restore funding removed by the House for the grape and wine grant program.

⁴ Funding of \$150,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund is added for aerial contract services for the Wildlife Services program to provide a total of \$1,807,400 for the Wildlife Services program.

⁵ Funding of \$3 million from Bank of North Dakota profits for the APUC program and \$400,000 from the general fund for the North Dakota Trade Office are adjusted from one-time funding to ongoing funding.

⁶ One-time funding is added as follows:

- \$2 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for grants to food pantries for meat and protein.
- \$500,000 from SIIF for autonomous technology grants.

House Bill No. 1009 - Other Changes - Senate Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section providing for a \$250,000 transfer from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the environmental impact mitigation fund for the environmental impact mitigation program. The Agriculture Commissioner has continuing appropriation authority for the environmental impact mitigation fund.
- Adds a section to transfer any balance in the bioscience innovation grant fund to the general fund on June 30, 2025.
- Amends a section identifying funding in Section 1 from the environment and rangeland protection fund.
- Amends a section identifying \$5,500,000 appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF. The House appropriated \$3,000,000 from SIIF.
- Adds a section to provide the funding appropriated in the wildlife services line item may not be used to pay indirect costs as part of the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services program.
- Amends a section to provide exemptions to authorize the Agriculture Commissioner to continue funding for grasslands grazing grants of \$5 million appropriated from SIIF for the 2021-23 and \$1 million appropriated from SIIF for the 2023-25 biennium into the 2025-27 biennium.