

February 5, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2020

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota
2 state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation
3 institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm; to provide
4 for a report; and to provide an exemption.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
9 federal funds, to the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops
10 institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch
11 research centers, and agronomy seed farm for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
12 North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great
13 plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and
14 agronomy seed farm, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as
15 follows:

16 Subdivision 1.

17 **NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE**

18 ~~Adjustments or~~

19 ~~Base Level~~

~~Enhancements~~

~~Appropriation~~

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| 1 | Extension service | \$59,478,945 | \$0 | \$59,478,945 |
| 2 | Soil conservation committee | 1,361,520 | 0 | 1,361,520 |
| 3 | Total all funds | \$60,840,465 | \$0 | \$60,840,465 |
| 4 | Less other funds | 29,049,776 | 0 | 29,049,776 |
| 5 | Total general fund | \$31,790,689 | \$0 | \$31,790,689 |
| 6 | Full-time equivalent positions | 252.70 | 0.00 | 252.70 |
| 7 | Subdivision 2: | | | |
| 8 | NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE | | | |
| 9 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 10 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 11 | Northern crops institute | \$5,724,771 | \$0 | \$5,724,771 |
| 12 | Total all funds | \$5,724,771 | \$0 | \$5,724,771 |
| 13 | Less other funds | 3,541,116 | 0 | 3,541,116 |
| 14 | Total general fund | \$2,183,655 | \$0 | \$2,183,655 |
| 15 | Full-time equivalent positions | 18.15 | 0.00 | 18.15 |
| 16 | Subdivision 3: | | | |
| 17 | UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE | | | |
| 18 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 19 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 20 | Upper great plains transportation | \$24,807,516 | \$0 | \$24,807,516 |
| 21 | institute | | | |
| 22 | Total all funds | \$24,807,516 | \$0 | \$24,807,516 |
| 23 | Less other funds | 19,581,141 | 0 | 19,581,141 |
| 24 | Total general fund | \$5,226,375 | \$0 | \$5,226,375 |
| 25 | Full-time equivalent positions | 43.88 | 0.00 | 43.88 |
| 26 | Subdivision 4: | | | |
| 27 | MAIN RESEARCH CENTER | | | |
| 28 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 29 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 30 | Main research center | \$116,148,130 | \$0 | \$116,148,130 |
| 31 | Total all funds | \$116,148,130 | \$0 | \$116,148,130 |

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| 1 | Less other funds | 58,022,465 | 0 | 58,022,465 |
| 2 | Total general fund | \$58,125,665 | \$0 | \$58,125,665 |
| 3 | Full-time equivalent positions | 358.47 | 0.00 | 358.47 |
| 4 | Subdivision 5: | | | |
| 5 | BRANCH RESEARCH CENTERS | | | |
| 6 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 7 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 8 | Dickinson research center | \$7,379,838 | \$0 | \$7,379,838 |
| 9 | Central grasslands research center | 3,618,270 | 0 | 3,618,270 |
| 10 | Hettinger research center | 5,381,248 | 0 | 5,381,248 |
| 11 | Langdon research center | 3,195,869 | 0 | 3,195,869 |
| 12 | North Central research center | 5,355,217 | 0 | 5,355,217 |
| 13 | Williston research center | 5,527,125 | 0 | 5,527,125 |
| 14 | Garrington research center | 10,191,002 | 0 | 10,191,002 |
| 15 | Total all funds | \$40,648,569 | \$0 | \$40,648,569 |
| 16 | Less other funds | 20,964,971 | 0 | 20,964,971 |
| 17 | Total general fund | \$19,683,598 | \$0 | \$19,683,598 |
| 18 | Full-time equivalent positions | 111.81 | 0.00 | 111.81 |
| 19 | Subdivision 6: | | | |
| 20 | AGRONOMY SEED FARM | | | |
| 21 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 22 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 23 | Agronomy seed farm | \$1,632,722 | \$0 | \$1,632,722 |
| 24 | Total special funds | \$1,632,722 | \$0 | \$1,632,722 |
| 25 | Full-time equivalent positions | 3.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 |
| 26 | Subdivision 7: | | | |
| 27 | SECTION 1 TOTAL | | | |
| 28 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 29 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 30 | Grand total all funds | \$249,802,173 | \$0 | \$249,802,173 |
| 31 | Less grand total other funds | 132,792,191 | 0 | 132,792,191 |

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| 1 | Grand total general fund | \$117,009,982 | \$0 | \$117,009,982 |
| 2 | Full-time equivalent positions | 788.01 | 0.00 | 788.01 |
| 3 | <u>NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE</u> | | | |
| 4 | | Adjustments or | | |
| 5 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 6 | Extension service | \$59,478,945 | \$944,303 | \$60,423,248 |
| 7 | Soil conservation committee | 1,361,520 | 0 | 1,361,520 |
| 8 | New and vacant FTE pool | 0 | 3,053,795 | 3,053,795 |
| 9 | Total all funds | \$60,840,465 | \$3,998,098 | \$64,838,563 |
| 10 | Less other funds | 29,049,776 | 2,389,356 | 31,439,132 |
| 11 | Total general fund | \$31,790,689 | \$1,608,742 | \$33,399,431 |
| 12 | Full-time equivalent positions | 252.70 | 2.74 | 255.44 |
| 13 | <u>Subdivision 2.</u> | | | |
| 14 | <u>NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE</u> | | | |
| 15 | | Adjustments or | | |
| 16 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 17 | Northern crops institute | \$5,724,771 | \$1,549,397 | \$7,274,168 |
| 18 | New and vacant FTE pool | 0 | 101,995 | 101,995 |
| 19 | Total all funds | \$5,724,771 | \$1,651,392 | \$7,376,163 |
| 20 | Less other funds | 3,541,116 | 852,928 | 4,394,044 |
| 21 | Total general fund | \$2,183,655 | \$798,464 | \$2,982,119 |
| 22 | Full-time equivalent positions | 18.15 | 0.20 | 18.35 |
| 23 | <u>Subdivision 3.</u> | | | |
| 24 | <u>UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE</u> | | | |
| 25 | | Adjustments or | | |
| 26 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 27 | Upper great plains transportation | \$24,807,516 | \$521,955 | \$25,329,471 |
| 28 | institute | | | |
| 29 | New and vacant FTE pool | 0 | 266,019 | 266,019 |
| 30 | Total all funds | \$24,807,516 | \$787,974 | \$25,595,490 |
| 31 | Less other funds | 19,581,141 | 507,090 | 20,088,231 |

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|----|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Total general fund | \$5,226,375 | \$280,884 | \$5,507,259 |
| 2 | Full-time equivalent positions | 43.88 | (1.00) | 42.88 |
| 3 | <u>Subdivision 4.</u> | | | |
| 4 | <u>MAIN RESEARCH CENTER</u> | | | |
| 5 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 6 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 7 | Main research center | \$116,148,130 | \$16,426,589 | \$132,574,719 |
| 8 | New and vacant FTE pool | 0 | 5,060,201 | 5,060,201 |
| 9 | Total all funds | \$116,148,130 | \$21,486,790 | \$137,634,920 |
| 10 | Less other funds | 58,022,465 | 17,122,229 | 75,144,694 |
| 11 | Total general fund | \$58,125,665 | \$4,364,561 | \$62,490,226 |
| 12 | Full-time equivalent positions | 358.47 | 6.08 | 364.55 |
| 13 | <u>Subdivision 5.</u> | | | |
| 14 | <u>BRANCH RESEARCH CENTERS</u> | | | |
| 15 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 16 | | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| 17 | Dickinson research center | \$7,379,838 | \$355,827 | \$7,735,665 |
| 18 | Central grasslands research center | 3,618,270 | 88,766 | 3,707,036 |
| 19 | Hettinger research center | 5,381,248 | 160,658 | 5,541,906 |
| 20 | Langdon research center | 3,195,869 | 280,058 | 3,475,927 |
| 21 | North Central research center | 5,355,217 | 122,311 | 5,477,528 |
| 22 | Williston research center | 5,527,125 | 186,785 | 5,713,910 |
| 23 | Carrington research center | 10,191,002 | 328,102 | 10,519,104 |
| 24 | New and vacant FTE pool | 0 | 999,674 | 999,674 |
| 25 | Total all funds | \$40,648,569 | \$2,522,181 | \$43,170,750 |
| 26 | Less other funds | 20,964,971 | 605,212 | 21,570,183 |
| 27 | Total general fund | \$19,683,598 | \$1,916,969 | \$21,600,567 |
| 28 | Full-time equivalent positions | 111.81 | (4.65) | 107.16 |
| 29 | <u>Subdivision 6.</u> | | | |
| 30 | <u>AGRONOMY SEED FARM</u> | | | |

| | Adjustments or | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| Agronomy seed farm | \$1,632,722 | \$39,931 | \$1,672,653 |
| New and vacant FTE pool | 0 | 7,343 | 7,343 |
| Total special funds | \$1,632,722 | \$47,274 | \$1,679,996 |
| Full-time equivalent positions | 3.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 |

Subdivision 7.

SECTION 1 TOTAL

| | Adjustments or | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| Grand total all funds | \$249,802,173 | \$30,493,709 | \$280,295,882 |
| Less grand total other funds | 132,792,191 | 21,524,089 | 154,316,280 |
| Grand total general fund | \$117,009,982 | \$8,969,620 | \$125,979,602 |
| Full-time equivalent positions | 788.01 | 3.37 | 791.38 |

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which each entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

| <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Northern crops institute | | | |
| Protein extraction and air classification system | \$0 | \$350,000 | \$350,000 |
| Total northern crops institute | \$0 | \$350,000 | \$350,000 |
| Main research center | | | |
| Equipment storage sheds | \$1,567,500 | \$0 | \$1,567,500 |
| Oakes irrigation research site interior | 0 | 620,000 | 620,000 |
| Langdon seed conditioning plant | 0 | 2,600,000 | 2,600,000 |
| Nesson Valley irrigation research site | 0 | 2,300,000 | 2,300,000 |
| Williston research center storage shed | 0 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Swine facility renovation | 0 | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 |
| Main research center greenhouse addition | 0 | 3,250,000 | 3,250,000 |

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| 1 | Total main research center | <u>\$1,567,500</u> | <u>\$14,970,000</u> | <u>\$16,537,550</u> |
| 2 | Grand total | \$1,567,500 | \$15,320,000 | \$16,887,500 |

3 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The
4 North Dakota state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains
5 transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed
6 farm may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of
7 this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new
8 and vacant FTE pool line item to the North Dakota state university extension service, northern
9 crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch
10 research centers, and agronomy seed farm line items in accordance with the guidelines and
11 reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative
12 assembly.

13 **SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS**
14 **INCOME.** The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues
15 received during the 2025-27 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing
16 operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for
17 one-time expenditures for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

18 **SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS**
19 **INCOME - REPORT.** The Williston research extension center shall report to the seventieth
20 legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or
21 easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and the
22 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

23 **SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION.** In addition to the amounts
24 included in the other funds appropriation line items and special funds appropriations line item in
25 section 1 of this Act, any other income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts,
26 and donations, or from other sources received by the North Dakota state university extension
27 service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main
28 research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise
29 provided by law, is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation,
30 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

1 **SECTION 7. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

2 **FUND - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER.** The other funds line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of
3 the Act includes the sum of \$1,970,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund,
4 of which \$950,000 is for the Langdon seed conditioning plant, \$620,000 is for the Oakes
5 irrigation research site, and \$400,000 is for the Nesson Valley irrigation research site.

6 **SECTION 8. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER AUTHORITY.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,
7 upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch
8 research center directors, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer
9 appropriation authority, except appropriation authority in the new and vacant FTE pool line
10 items, within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section 1 of this Act.

11 **SECTION 9. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS -**
12 **REPORT.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the state board of higher education may
13 adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities in section 1 of this
14 Act, subject to availability of funds. All full-time or part-time positions must be separate from
15 North Dakota state university. Annually, the board shall report to the office of management and
16 budget and to the budget section any adjustments made pursuant to this section.

17 **SECTION 10. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME.** Any
18 unexpended general fund appropriation authority available to and any excess income received
19 by entities listed in section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11,
20 and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be
21 expended by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30,
22 2029.

23 **SECTION 11. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The following
24 appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into
25 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

- 26 1. The sum of \$475,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements
27 fund for storage sheds in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session
28 Laws;
- 29 2. The sum of \$1,700,000 appropriated from the general fund for the Nesson Valley
30 irrigation research site project in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023
31 Session Laws. The Nesson Valley irrigation research site must include an interactive

1 video conference meeting room, reception area, four offices, laboratory, information
2 technology room, bathroom, kitchen, break room, storage room, janitorial room, and
3 mechanical room and electrical room. The Nesson Valley irrigation research site must
4 be at least five thousand square feet [464.5 square meters] and have an adjoining
5 heated shop that is at least three thousand two hundred fifty square feet [301.9 square
6 meters].