

April 2, 2025

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED 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; and to declare an emergency.

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	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>

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1	<del>Extension service</del>	<del>\$59,478,945</del>	<del>\$944,303</del>	<del>\$60,423,248</del>
2	<u>Extension service</u>	<u>\$59,478,945</u>	<u>\$2,404,662</u>	<u>\$61,883,607</u>
3	Soil conservation committee	1,361,520	0	1,361,520
4	<del>New and vacant FTE pool</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>3,053,795</del>	<del>3,053,795</del>
5	<del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$60,840,465</del>	<del>\$3,998,098</del>	<del>\$64,838,563</del>
6	<del>Less other funds</del>	<del>29,049,776</del>	<del>2,389,356</del>	<del>31,439,132</del>
7	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$31,790,689</del>	<del>\$1,608,742</del>	<del>\$33,399,431</del>
8	<del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>252.70</del>	<del>2.74</del>	<del>255.44</del>
9	<u>New and vacant FTE pool</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,301,295</u>	<u>3,301,295</u>
10	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$60,840,465</u>	<u>\$5,705,957</u>	<u>\$66,546,422</u>
11	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>29,049,776</u>	<u>2,839,356</u>	<u>31,889,132</u>
12	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$31,790,689</u>	<u>\$2,866,601</u>	<u>\$34,657,290</u>
13	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>252.70</u>	<u>3.74</u>	<u>256.44</u>

Subdivision 2.

NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>		<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Northern crops institute	\$5,724,771	\$1,549,397	\$7,274,168
19	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>101,995</u>	<u>101,995</u>
20	Total all funds	\$5,724,771	\$1,651,392	\$7,376,163
21	Less other funds	<u>3,541,116</u>	<u>852,928</u>	<u>4,394,044</u>
22	Total general fund	\$2,183,655	\$798,464	\$2,982,119
23	Full-time equivalent positions	18.15	0.20	18.35

Subdivision 3.

UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>		<u>Appropriation</u>
28	Upper great plains transportation	\$24,807,516	\$521,955	\$25,329,471
29	institute			
30	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>266,019</u>	<u>266,019</u>
31	Total all funds	\$24,807,516	\$787,974	\$25,595,490

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1	Less other funds	<u>19,581,141</u>	<u>507,090</u>	<u>20,088,231</u>
2	Total general fund	\$5,226,375	\$280,884	\$5,507,259
3	Full-time equivalent positions	43.88	(1.00)	42.88
4	Subdivision 4.			

MAIN RESEARCH CENTER

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>		<u>Appropriation</u>
8	<del>Main research center</del>	<del>\$116,148,130</del>	<del>\$16,426,589</del>	<del>\$132,574,719</del>
9	<u>Main research center</u>	<u>\$116,148,130</u>	<u>\$19,614,730</u>	<u>\$135,762,860</u>
10	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>5,060,201</u>	<u>5,060,201</u>
11	<del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$116,148,130</del>	<del>\$21,486,790</del>	<del>\$137,634,920</del>
12	<del>Less other funds</del>	<del>58,022,465</del>	<del>17,122,229</del>	<del>75,144,694</del>
13	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$58,125,665</del>	<del>\$4,364,561</del>	<del>\$62,490,226</del>
14	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$116,148,130</u>	<u>\$24,674,931</u>	<u>\$140,823,061</u>
15	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>58,022,465</u>	<u>19,051,827</u>	<u>77,074,292</u>
16	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$58,125,665</u>	<u>\$5,623,104</u>	<u>\$63,748,769</u>
17	Full-time equivalent positions	358.47	6.08	364.55
18	Subdivision 5.			

BRANCH RESEARCH CENTERS

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>		<u>Appropriation</u>
22	<del>Dickinson research center</del>	<del>\$7,379,838</del>	<del>\$355,827</del>	<del>\$7,735,665</del>
23	<del>Central grasslands research center</del>	<del>3,618,270</del>	<del>88,766</del>	<del>3,707,036</del>
24	<del>Hettinger research center</del>	<del>5,381,248</del>	<del>160,658</del>	<del>5,541,906</del>
25	<del>Langdon research center</del>	<del>3,195,869</del>	<del>280,058</del>	<del>3,475,927</del>
26	<del>North-Central research center</del>	<del>5,355,217</del>	<del>122,311</del>	<del>5,477,528</del>
27	<del>Williston research center</del>	<del>5,527,125</del>	<del>186,785</del>	<del>5,713,910</del>
28	<del>Carrington research center</del>	<del>10,191,002</del>	<del>328,102</del>	<del>10,519,104</del>
29	<del>New and vacant FTE pool</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>999,674</del>	<del>999,674</del>
30	<del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$40,648,569</del>	<del>\$2,522,181</del>	<del>\$43,170,750</del>
31	<del>Less other funds</del>	<del>20,964,971</del>	<del>605,212</del>	<del>21,570,183</del>

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1	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$19,683,598</del>	<del>\$1,916,969</del>	<del>\$21,600,567</del>
2	Dickinson research center	\$7,379,838	\$435,827	\$7,815,665
3	Central grasslands research center	3,618,270	168,766	3,787,036
4	Hettinger research center	5,381,248	240,658	5,621,906
5	Langdon research center	3,195,869	360,058	3,555,927
6	North Central research center	5,355,217	202,311	5,557,528
7	Williston research center	5,527,125	266,785	5,793,910
8	Carrington research center	10,191,002	408,102	10,599,104
9	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,359,674	1,359,674
10	Total all funds	\$40,648,569	\$3,442,181	\$44,090,750
11	Less other funds	20,964,971	885,212	21,850,183
12	Total general fund	\$19,683,598	\$2,556,969	\$22,240,567
13	Full-time equivalent positions	111.81	(4.65)	107.16
14	Subdivision 6.			
15	AGRONOMY SEED FARM			
16			Adjustments or	
17		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Agronomy seed farm	\$1,632,722	\$39,931	\$1,672,653
19	New and vacant FTE pool	0	7,343	7,343
20	Total special funds	\$1,632,722	\$47,274	\$1,679,996
21	Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	0.00	3.00
22	Subdivision 7.			
23	SECTION 1 TOTAL			
24			Adjustments or	
25		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
26	<del>Grand total all funds</del>	<del>\$249,802,173</del>	<del>\$30,493,709</del>	<del>\$280,295,882</del>
27	<del>Less grand total other funds</del>	<del>132,792,191</del>	<del>21,524,089</del>	<del>154,316,280</del>
28	<del>Grand total general fund</del>	<del>\$117,009,982</del>	<del>\$8,969,620</del>	<del>\$125,979,602</del>
29	<del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>788.01</del>	<del>3.37</del>	<del>791.38</del>
30	Grand total all funds	\$249,802,173	\$36,309,709	\$286,111,882
31	Less grand total other funds	132,792,191	24,183,687	156,975,878

1	<u>Grand total general fund</u>	<u>\$117,009,982</u>	<u>\$12,126,022</u>	<u>\$129,136,004</u>
2	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>788.01</u>	<u>4.37</u>	<u>792.38</u>

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

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

8	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
9	Northern crops institute			
10	Protein extraction and air classification system	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
11	Total northern crops institute	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
12	Main research center			
13	Equipment storage sheds	\$1,567,500	\$0	\$1,567,500
14	Oakes irrigation research site interior	0	620,000	620,000
15	Langdon seed conditioning plant	0	2,600,000	2,600,000
16	Nesson Valley irrigation research site	0	2,300,000	2,300,000
17	<u>Deferred maintenance</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
18	Williston research center storage shed	0	200,000	200,000
19	Swine facility renovation	0	6,000,000	6,000,000
20	Main research center greenhouse addition	0	3,250,000	3,250,000
21	<del>Total main research center</del>	<del>\$1,567,500</del>	<del>\$14,970,000</del>	<del>\$16,537,550</del>
22	<del>Grand total</del>	<del>\$1,567,500</del>	<del>\$15,320,000</del>	<del>\$16,887,500</del>
23	<u>Total main research center</u>	<u>\$1,567,500</u>	<u>\$15,470,000</u>	<u>\$17,037,500</u>
24	<u>Grand total</u>	<u>\$1,567,500</u>	<u>\$15,820,000</u>	<u>\$17,387,500</u>

25       **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The  
26 North Dakota state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains  
27 transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed  
28 farm may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of  
29 this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new  
30 and vacant FTE pool line item to the North Dakota state university extension service, northern  
31 crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch

1 research centers, and agronomy seed farm line items in accordance with the guidelines and  
2 reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative  
3 assembly.

4 **SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS**

5 **INCOME.** The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues  
6 received during the 2025-27 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing  
7 operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for  
8 one-time expenditures, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

9 **SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS**

10 **INCOME - REPORT.** The Williston research extension center shall report to the seventieth  
11 legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or  
12 easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and the  
13 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

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

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

23 **FUND - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER.** The other funds line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of  
24 the Act includes the sum of ~~\$1,970,000~~\$2,470,000 from the strategic investment and  
25 improvements fund, of which \$950,000 is for the Langdon seed conditioning plant, \$620,000 is  
26 for the Oakes irrigation research site, \$500,000 is for deferred maintenance, and \$400,000 is for  
27 the Nesson Valley irrigation research site.

28 **SECTION 8. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER AUTHORITY.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,  
29 upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch  
30 research center directors, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer

1 appropriation authority, except appropriation authority in the new and vacant FTE pool line  
2 items, within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section 1 of this Act.

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

9 **SECTION 10. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME.** Any  
10 unexpended general fund appropriation authority available to and any excess income received  
11 by entities listed in section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11,  
12 and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be  
13 expended by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30,  
14 2029.

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

- 18 1. The sum of \$475,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
19 fund for storage sheds in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session  
20 Laws; and
- 21 2. The sum of \$1,700,000 appropriated from the general fund for the Nesson Valley  
22 irrigation research site project in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023  
23 Session Laws. ~~The Nesson Valley irrigation research site must include an interactive  
24 video conference meeting room, reception area, four offices, laboratory, information  
25 technology room, bathroom, kitchen, break room, storage room, janitorial room, and  
26 mechanical room and electrical room. The Nesson Valley irrigation research site must  
27 be at least five thousand square feet [464.5 square meters] and have an adjoining  
28 heated shop that is at least three thousand two hundred fifty square feet [301.9 square  
29 meters].~~

30 **SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT**  
31 **CONSTRUCTION.** The main research center, for its use of the \$1,567,500 appropriated from

1 the general fund for branch research center storage sheds is not subject to the provisions of  
2 section 48-01.2-02.1, and the main research center may spend this funding without procuring  
3 plans, drawings, and specifications from an architect or engineer.

4 **SECTION 13. EMERGENCY.** The \$6,000,000 appropriated from other funds for the swine  
5 facility renovation in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency  
6 measure.