

1999 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HB 1482

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1482

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-04-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
ONE HB 1482		x	39 to 55
TWO HB 1482	x	x	0 to 10
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Arline Hanson</i>			

Minutes:

Summary of bill: Relates to committees appointed by the State Board of Agricultural research.

Rep Nowatzki: Testified in favor of bill as one of the sponsors. It would simplify the operations of the Stae Board of Agricultural Research, and to clarify that committee members approving the use of North Dakota farmer gas tax granting funds shall be residents of North Dakota.

(Testimony attached)

Rep Meyer: Sponsor of HB 1482 Sat on some of the boards we are looking at with this bill.

After looking at the law as it now stands and what they have to work with it needs some clarification as different groups look at it differently. When the board is to big it becomes un-welding and not workable. Would like to have the legislative intent clarified to make it more workable.

Rep Berg: Are we not just continuing a problem, wouldn't it be simpler to get rid of all that language and set it up simpler. To much authority for to few a people.

Jerry Doan: Chm of ND Agri Research board.(Testimony attached) Not necessarily in favor of the bill but to offer some information. Some people think the different commodity groups are self serving and thats really the way it was meant to be. People within that commodity making decisions that effect them. If we can fine tune this process we are all for it.

S-Bar: Quite impressed with the way different livestock worked together. Did a good job. When you see cattle, buffalo, elk, hog producers making decisions that affect each one and work together.

Rep Renner: You said Animal agriculture makes up 18 % of the Agr Research budget is that in statue or what?

Jerry Doan: Yes

Rep Renner: Bill in Finance and Tax to eliminate 4 cents gas tax and go to a fuel tax.

Jerry Doan: Gas tax is on the decrease so would make sense to look at something else.

Roger Johnson: St Agr Commissioner.. Very strongly supports this bill.

Motion by Rep Warner for a DO PASS as amended second by Rep Froelich Carried

Vote total: YES 8 NO 6 ABSENT 1

Carrier of bill Rep Nowatzki

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1482

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insert "of grants. The board shall award"

Re-number accordingly

P1 + line 7 remove "no more than 3"

+ line 9 + 10 remove "who are residents of this state"

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Date: 2-4-89
Roll Call Vote #: /

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House AGRICULTURE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass Amendments

Motion Made By Warner Seconded By Froelich

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chaiman		✓	Bob Stefonowicz	✓	
Dennis E. Johnson, Vice Chm		✓			
Thomas T. Brusegaard		✓			
Earl Rennerfeldt		✓			
Chet Pollert		✓			
Dennis J. Renner	✓				
Michael D. Brandenburg					
Gil Herbel	✓				
Rick Berg	✓	✓			
Myron Koppang	✓				
John M. Warner	✓				
Rod Froelich	✓				
Robert E. Nowatzki	✓				
Phillip Mueller	✓				

Total (Yes) 8 No 6

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Nowatzki

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1482: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1482 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1482

With my amendment to HB 1483 and with passage of HB 1482, 4-05.1-2 would read as follows;

2. The State Board of Agricultural Research shall solicit proposals for research from the public and private sectors and shall appoint no more than three committees to review the proposals and make recommendations regarding the award of grant. The Board shall award the agricultural research grants on a competitive basis. Each committee must consist of a majority of agricultural producers who are residents of this state selected in consultation with the agricultural commodity groups representing commodities that are the subjects of the proposed research and may include researchers and other individuals knowledgeable about the proposed about the proposed area of research. Wherever possible, the committee shall require that a grant recipient commit matching funds.

- c. The two persons appointed as representatives of the state's research extension centers shall serve only through June 30, 1998.
3. At the completion of each initial term, the term of office for each member is five years, beginning on July first. No person may be appointed to a second five-year term.
4. a. At least ninety days before the conclusion of the initial term of each member appointed by the ag coalition, the ag coalition shall provide to the state board of higher education a list of two or more names from which the state board of higher education shall appoint a successor. Future appointments to these five positions must be made in the same manner. The state board of higher education shall ensure that four out of the five seats are held by agricultural producers.
- b. At least ninety days before the conclusion of the initial term of each member appointed by the extension service's multicounty program units, the units through their advisory groups shall provide to the state board of higher education a list of two or more names from which the state board of higher education shall appoint a successor. Future appointments to these five positions must be made in the same manner. The state board of higher education shall ensure that four out of the five seats are held by agricultural producers.

4-05.1-17. Compensation of board members - Expenses. Each appointed member of the state board of agricultural research is entitled to receive sixty-two dollars and fifty cents per day as compensation for the time actually spent devoted to the duties of office and is entitled to receive necessary expenses in the same manner and amounts as state officials for attending meetings and performing other functions of office.

4-05.1-18. State board of agricultural research - Chairman - Meetings. The state board of agricultural research annually shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman. The board shall meet at the times and locations designated by the chairman in consultation with the vice president of agricultural affairs at North Dakota state university.

4-05.1-19. State board of agricultural research - Duties. Within the policies of the state board of higher education, the state board of agricultural research is responsible for the budgeting, supervision, and policymaking responsibilities associated with the supervision of the agricultural experiment station. The agricultural research board shall:

1. Determine the causes of any adverse economic impacts on crops and livestock produced in this state;
2. Develop ongoing strategies for the provision of research solutions to negate adverse economic impacts on crops and livestock produced in this state;
3. Make available financial resources, including grants and salaries, and make available equipment and facilities to implement the strategies developed under subsection 2, subject to approval by the state board of higher education;
4. Develop an annual budget for the operation of the agricultural experiment station;
5. Develop a biennial budget request and submit that request to the state board of higher education on or before March first of each even-numbered year;
6. Maximize the use of existing financial resources, equipment, and facilities to generate the greatest economic benefit from research efforts and to promote efficiency;

7. Annually evaluate the results of research activities and expenditures and report the findings to the legislative council and the state board of higher education;
8. Advise the administration of North Dakota state university regarding the recruitment and selection of the vice president of agricultural affairs and the station director; and
9. Advise the director of the extension service regarding the dissemination of research information and the best practices for management of the extension service.

4-05.1-20. Agricultural research fund. The agricultural research fund is a special fund in the state treasury. The moneys in the fund must be expended for purposes of agricultural research.

4-05.1-21. State board of agricultural research - Apportionment of research funds.

1. The state board of agricultural research annually shall apportion the proceeds of the agricultural research fund as follows:
 - a. Seventy percent to research activities affecting North Dakota agricultural commodities that account for at least two percent of the gross sales of all agricultural commodities grown or produced in the state. The percentage of the dollars available for each agricultural commodity under this section may not exceed the percentage that the gross sales of the agricultural commodity bear to the North Dakota gross sales of all agricultural commodities grown or produced during the previous year, as determined by the agricultural statistics service;
 - b. Eighteen percent to research activities affecting North Dakota animal agriculture; and
 - c. Twelve percent to research activities affecting new and emerging crops in North Dakota.
2. The state board of agricultural research shall solicit proposals for research from the public and private sectors and shall appoint committees to review the proposals and award the agricultural research grants on a competitive basis. Each committee must consist of a majority of agricultural producers selected in consultation with the agricultural commodity groups representing commodities that are the subjects of the proposed research and may include researchers and other individuals knowledgeable about the proposed area of research. Whenever possible, the committees shall require that a grant recipient commit matching funds.
3. The state board of agricultural research shall develop policies regarding the award of research grants, including requirements for matching funds, cooperation with other in-state and out-of-state researchers, and coordination with other in-state and out-of-state proposed or ongoing research projects.