

**Department 616 - Seed Department  
House Bill No. 1018**

|                                      | <b>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b>                 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget     | 32.00                | \$0                 | \$5,454,447        | \$5,454,447                  |
| 1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations | <u>33.00</u>         | <u>0</u>            | <u>5,317,244</u>   | <u>5,317,244<sup>1</sup></u> |
| Increase (Decrease)                  | <u>(1.00)</u>        | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$137,203</u>   | <u>\$137,203</u>             |

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget       | <u>32.00</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$5,454,447</u> | <u>\$5,454,447</u> |
| Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer | <u>0.00</u>  | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u>         | <u>\$0</u>         |

<sup>1</sup> The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$ 2,411 of special funds for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

**Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Seed Department 2001-03 Budget**

|  | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Expansion of laboratory services to meet demands for advanced genetic, trait, and quality analysis of all crops.  |                     | \$339,399          | \$339,399     |
| 2. Reduction due to loss of potato grade inspection work formerly done by department staff as well as a reduction in the acreage of seed production and closing of the Grand Forks office.   |                     | (\$1,039,493)      | (\$1,039,493) |
| 3. Removes funding for one unclassified FTE.   |                     | (\$53,543)         | (\$53,543)    |
| 4. Expansion or remodeling of facilities in laboratories and greenhouses.  |                     | \$30,000           | \$30,000      |
| 5. Authorization for funding from the contingency fund to balance revenues against overhead and unexpected costs due to unpredictable demand for service in most areas of the department.    |                     | \$300,000          | \$300,000     |
| 6. Provides funding for Information Technology Department planning costs for the Seed Department to track all equipment, communication, information, and program support-related technology. |                     | \$185,000          | \$185,000     |
| 7. A separate line item is created for laboratory services due to expansion of the program.  |                     |                    |               |

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Seed Department 2001-03 Budget  
Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

The Hoeven recommendation does not change the Schafer recommendation.

**Major Legislation Affecting the Seed Department**

Section 2 of House Bill No. 1018 authorizes the Seed Department upon approval from the Seed Commission to transfer from the contingency line item in its appropriation to all other line items except the capital improvements line item. The Seed Commission shall notify the Office of Management and Budget of each transfer.

Senate Bill No. 2103 authorizes the Seed Commissioner, with the approval of the Seed Commission, to establish and charge fees for making commodity grade inspections.

Senate Bill No. 2104 removes the fee schedule for seed sales from the code and authorizes the Seed Commissioner, with the approval of the Seed Commission, to establish and charge fees; changes the Seed Commission membership; and changes seed labeling to allow the commissioner to establish seed labeling tolerances that meet or exceed Federal Seed Act tolerances as of July 1, 2001.