

**SENATE BILL NO. 2334**

Introduced by

Senators Bowman, O'Connell, Stenehjem

Representatives Berg, Boucher

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for creation of a beef systems center of  
2 excellence.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.**

5 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,  
6 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may  
7 be necessary, to North Dakota state university for the purpose of creating a beef  
8 systems center of excellence, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending  
9 June 30, 2005.

10 2. The beef systems center of excellence shall:

11 a. Create a model for the development of an integrated meat processing  
12 industry;

13 b. Enhance North Dakota state university's ability to provide research related to:

14 (1) The effects of genetics, management, and nutrition regimens on  
15 carcass yield, quality, and sensory characteristics;

16 (2) Food safety and nutrition of the resulting meat products;

17 (3) New and emerging technologies in slaughter, fabrication, processing  
18 and value-added products; and

19 (4) Meat and meat product marketing.

20 3. North Dakota state university may accept gifts, grants, and donations from public  
21 and nonpublic sources to support and benefit the creation and efforts of the beef  
22 systems center of excellence, and any gifts, grants, and donations so received are  
23 appropriated to North Dakota state university for purposes of the beef systems  
24 center of excellence.