

Introduced by

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

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

3 **SECTION 1. BEEF SYSTEMS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

4 1. North Dakota state university may establish a beef systems center of excellence in
5 the department of animal and range science. The beef systems center of
6 excellence may:

7 a. Create a model for the development of an integrated meat processing
8 industry;

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

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

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

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

15 (4) Meat and meat product marketing; and

16 c. Provide training, education, and outreach opportunities to students,
17 businesses, and beef cattle producers.

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