

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1009 - Department of Agriculture - Conference Committee Action**

	<b>Executive Budget</b>	<b>House Version</b>	<b>Conference Committee Changes</b>	<b>Conference Committee Version</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>Comparison to Senate</b>
Salaries and wages	\$8,586,426	\$8,130,102	\$436,094	\$8,566,196	\$8,634,318	(\$68,122)
Operating expenses	5,844,960	5,779,960	314,643	6,094,603	6,017,382	77,221
Capital assets	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	
Grants	2,869,825	2,969,825		2,969,825	2,969,825	
Board of Animal Health	2,378,325	2,378,325	185,000	2,563,325	2,583,325	(20,000)
Wildlife Services	1,067,400	1,067,400		1,067,400	1,067,400	
Crop Harmonization Board	50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000	
Temporary FTE position			130,000	130,000		130,000
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$20,801,936</b>	<b>\$20,380,612</b>	<b>\$1,065,737</b>	<b>\$21,446,349</b>	<b>\$21,327,250</b>	<b>\$119,099</b>
Less estimated income	13,867,630	13,529,488	564,978	14,094,466	14,008,534	85,932
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$6,934,306</b>	<b>\$6,851,124</b>	<b>\$500,759</b>	<b>\$7,351,883</b>	<b>\$7,318,716</b>	<b>\$33,167</b>
FTE	70.50	69.50	5.00	74.50	72.50	2.00

**Department No. 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	<b>Restores Funding for Anticipated Salary Savings<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Restores New FTE Position<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adds Meat Inspector Position<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Adds Field Inspector Position<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Adds Pesticide Specialist Position<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Restores Funding for Office Space Lease<sup>6</sup></b>
Salaries and wages	\$196,602	\$78,821	\$47,892		\$112,779	
Operating expenses			28,500		27,221	120,000
Capital assets						
Grants						
Board of Animal Health				155,000		
Wildlife Services						
Crop Harmonization Board						
Temporary FTE position						
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$196,602</b>	<b>\$78,821</b>	<b>\$76,392</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
Less estimated income	99,074	0	36,982	0	140,000	0
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$97,528</b>	<b>\$78,821</b>	<b>\$39,410</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
FTE	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
	<b>Adds Funding for Project Safe Send<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Wine Industry Promotion<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Weed-Free Certification<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>Restores Funding Source for Board of Animal Health<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Temporary FTE Position<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Johnes Disease Control<sup>12</sup></b>
Salaries and wages						
Operating expenses	40,000	50,000	48,922			
Capital assets						
Grants						
Board of Animal Health						30,000
Wildlife Services						
Crop Harmonization Board						
Temporary FTE position					130,000	
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$48,922</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Less estimated income	40,000	0	48,922	200,000	0	0
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$200,000)</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

	<b>Total Conference Committee Changes</b>
Salaries and wages	\$436,094
Operating expenses	314,643
Capital assets	
Grants	
Board of Animal Health Wildlife Services	185,000
Crop Harmonization Board	
Temporary FTE position	130,000
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$1,065,737</b>
Less estimated income	564,978
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$500,759</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>5.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> This amendment restores funding for salaries and wages removed by the House to recognize anticipated savings from vacant positions and employee turnover. This represents the same amount restored by the Senate.

<sup>2</sup> Funding removed by the House from the general fund for a new FTE meat inspector position is restored, the same as the Senate version.

<sup>3</sup> This amendment provides funding from the general fund (\$39,410) and from federal funds (\$36,982) for a new FTE meat inspector position (\$47,892) and related operating expenses (\$28,500) beginning July 1, 2010. This is the same amount provided in the Senate version. A section is also added to require the Agriculture Department to obtain Emergency Commission approval prior to filling the position.

<sup>4</sup> This amendment provides a general fund appropriation of \$155,000 for a new FTE field inspector position (\$116,400) and related operating expenses (\$38,600) for the State Board of Animal Health. The Senate originally added this position with a general fund appropriation of \$175,000.

<sup>5</sup> This amendment adds, for the 2009-11 biennium only, 1 FTE pesticide registration specialist position (\$112,779) and related operating expenses (\$27,221). If the Agriculture Commissioner chooses to request the position for the 2011-13 biennium, it must be requested as a new FTE position.

<sup>6</sup> Funding from the general fund removed by the House for the leasing of additional office space is restored to the level provided in the Senate version. A section is also added to provide the Agriculture Commissioner with the discretion to use the funding to lease additional office space for department purposes with approval from the Budget Section.

<sup>7</sup> This amendment adds \$40,000 of funding from the environment and rangeland protection fund for Project Safe Send to assist in flood-related pesticide cleanup activities. The Senate had provided \$40,000 of funding from the general fund for the program.

<sup>8</sup> This amendment provides a general fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Pride of Dakota program for advertising and promotion of the wine industry.

<sup>9</sup> Operating expenses are increased by \$48,922 from the environment and rangeland protection fund for costs associated with the weed seed free certification program under 2009 House Bill No. 1270. This is the same amount of funding that was added in the Senate version.

<sup>10</sup> This amendment restores the funding sources for the State Board of Animal Health that were changed by the House. Funding from the game and fish fund is increased by \$200,000 and funding from the general fund is reduced by \$200,000, which is the same as the Senate version.

<sup>11</sup> This amendment provides a general fund appropriation of \$130,000 for a temporary 18-month FTE position to be used for transition activities in the Agriculture Department.

<sup>12</sup> This amendment provides a general fund appropriation of \$30,000 to the State Board of Animal Health to defray expenses associated with the control of Johnes disease (*Mycobacterium avium* ss. *paratuberculosis*). This is the same amount of funding that was provided in the Senate version.

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This amendment also:

- Amends North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 4-01-19 to provide that funding received from Pride of Dakota activities be deposited in the Agriculture Department operating fund rather than the general fund.
- Amends NDCC Section 19-18-04 to deposit all pesticide registration fees in the environment and rangeland protection fund rather than a portion in the general fund. The estimated reduction in general fund revenue is \$550,000.
- Changes the funding source for an existing FTE position from federal funds to the environment and rangeland protection fund. Total position funding is \$130,100.
- Adds an emergency section for funds designated to be used for Project Safe Send flood activities and the transition FTE position.