

**2011 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1022**

## 2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Appropriations Education and Environment Division  
Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

1022  
1/11/11  
12750

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

*Shirley Branning*

**Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:**

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state seed department

**Minutes:**

Attachment # 1

**Chairman Skarphol:** Introduced **Ken.Bertsch, Commissioner of the State Seed Department.**

**Bertsch:** Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

**Rep. Martinson:** I want to thank Ken Bertsch for being short and to the point and I move a **DO PASS.** Laughter.

**Chairman Skarphol:** Well, Mr. Bertsch, we have a motion. Do I have a Second?

**Rep. Williams:** Second

**Chairman Skarphol:** We have a motion and a second so now we can have discussion.

**Bertsch:** Now I can just ask for questions. Thank you, Rep. Martinson.

All the information is in attachment 1. The only discrepancy I was going to point out is the budget bill on 1022 shows an increase of \$88,000 and in reality is actually an increase of \$66,000. For some strange reason, every time my budget proposal goes out, it doesn't include the equity fund that is rolled in at the end of the session from last time. But otherwise, all of the information is laid out for you. I believe Rep. Dosch is the only one who hasn't heard my spiel. Salary information is all in my testimony and you will see that there is an increase of \$66,000. I have also included how that breaks out in terms of programs for operating expenses.

**Chairman Skarphol:** And these are all special funds, I mean there are no general funds at all involved in this and you are self funded with regard to that.

**Bertsch:** Correct, and we do have a board of directors of the seed commission.

**Rep. Williams:** There was a question that Rep. Delzer brought up last session. Your asking for a net increase of \$66,516. These are not state dollars, correct?

**Bertsch:** That is correct.

**Rep. Williams:** What I am asking is, how much money you have in this fund if you take the \$66,000 out. Where does that money come from?

**Bertsch:** That is true.

**Chairman Skarphol:** You have increased revenue to cover the cost of that \$66,000 or is it coming out of reserves?

**Rep. Williams:** Last session, when we got into that Rep. Delzer asked that question and we had to ..... for a bit until we got that information. I am just wondering if it is reserve or what, what happens to that fund if you take the \$66,000 out.

**Bertsch:** If our revenues don't met our planned expenditures, for example if you have a short year and we don't certify as many acres of seed, which happens. Our revenues can go up and down based on the number of acres we certify and the number of tests that are going on in our laboratory. If they don't reach expenditures, then they will come out of those reserves

**Rep. Williams:** May I ask what you have in reserves?

**Bertsch:** About \$2 1/2M.

**Rep. Williams:** Thank you, that is what I was asking.

**Chairman Skarphol:** And, anticipated revenues, is that shown here?

**Bertsch:** Not in my testimony.

**Tammy Dolan, OMB Analyst:** I can answer that. She explains, according to the special funds \$2 1/2M in revenue are those appropriated which would be from the ending balance. However, the expenditures are typically less.

**Chairman Skarphol:** When you say typically, what does that mean? Can you give us an idea on a percentage basis.

**Tammy Dolan:** I wouldn't have that data.

**Rep. Monson:** Tammy, can you tell us, in comparison to the last biennium, how much did they start with? If you end up with 1 1/2M in reserves, that means you are going backwards by a million if they spend all that was appropriated. How were they the biennium before?

**Dolan:** What I have right now just shows estimated revenues for this biennium, I don't have the actual appropriations. I could get that.

**Chairman Skarphol:** I think the question really is, you've got 2 1/2M in reserves today. You are going to use, for purposes of discussion, half of it. Should we anticipate there becoming a problem in the future or are reserves at some point in time going back up?

**Bertsch:** I don't anticipate a problem. In fact, I don't anticipate going backwards by 2 1/2M in any way shape and form. In fact, our budget has always been adequate and we build it, for example, for what we call a contingency fund. That's nothing more than a saving feature in our budget. We build those kinds of things in so we can account for those variables either in yearly operating or even in cases such as, years back because of a .....issue where the seed department had to put out 20 or 30 people. And quickly outdistanced their budget and had to go to the emergency commission. We have room in our budget that can account for either a very busy year or a reserve that can account for that. We don't plan to spend what you provide authority for.

**Rep. Monson:** We don't do this for everybody.

**Bertsch:** I certainly appreciate that. I do understand that as a self funded budget agency with a rather small budget, we are able to stay within budget.

**Rep. Williams:** I call for the question.

**Chairman Skarphol:** We have a motion and a second to approve **HB 1022** as presented. Call the roll.

**Shirley Branning, Clerk:** The roll was called. **Yes 6, No 0, Absent 0.**

**Chairman Skarphol:** Motion carried. Carrier: Rep. Monson.

Meeting adjourned.

# 2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## House Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1022  
2/18/11  
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Committee Clerk Signature

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### Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

**Chairman Delzer:** Called the meeting to order to discuss HB 1022, the Seed Department. Roll was called and a quorum was declared. Since the carriers for 1016, 1019, and 1021 are not here, we'll start with HB 1022.

**Representative Monson:** Introduced the bill. In short, this is a very well run special funded agency. They don't propose any changes nor do we. Their funds are special funds. Referring to the Bill and the Green Sheet. **I move Do Pass.**

**Representative Klein: Second.**

**Chairman Delzer:** There was some talk of seed cleaning things, but that is in the Ag Research, side?

**Representative Monson:** That is true. This is all special funds, no general funds. This all deals with farmers and when they apply to have fields inspected of those seeded with registered seed, it has nothing to do with protein testers or anything like that. These are all grower fees, no state or federal funds. They do license and register the seed after it is tested. There is no equipment to speak of. There is an increase in this budget at a total of \$88,516. Their reserves are about \$2.5M and their expected revenues are looking at about \$5.6M. Their expenditures are expected to come in about \$6.9M. There is a trend here and if the fees are not coming in as fast as they have been, this agency could see their reserves go backward. They see no need to raise fees now.

**Chairman Delzer:** Further discussion is called, hearing none; a roll call vote will be taken.

**Roll Call Vote: 20-0-1, Motion carries.**

**Carrier: Representative Monson**

Date: 1/11/11  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1022**

House Appropriations – Education and Environment Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Martinson

Seconded By Rep. Williams

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Bob Skarphol	X		Clark Williams	X	
Kathy Hawken	X				
Mark Dosch	X				
Rep. Martinson:	X				
David Monson	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Monson:

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 2/18  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Motion Made By Rep. Monson Seconded By Rep. Klein

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Delzer	X		Representative Nelson	X	
Vice Chairman Kempenich			Representative Wieland	X	
Representative Pollert	X				
Representative Skarphol	X				
Representative Thoreson	X		Representative Glassheim	X	
Representative Beliew	X		Representative Kaldor	X	
Representative Brandenburg	X		Representative Kroeber	X	
Representative Dahl	X		Representative Metcalf	X	
Representative Dosch	X		Representative Williams	X	
Representative Hawken	X				
Representative Klein	X				
Representative Kreidt	X				
Representative Martinson	X				
Representative Monson	X				

Total (Yes) 20 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Monson

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1022: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS**  
(20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1022 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.



**2011 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1022**

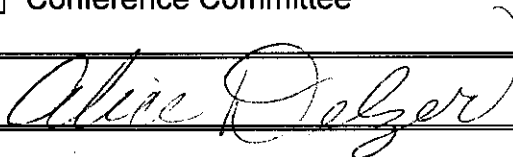
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## Senate Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

HB 1022  
03-07-2011  
Job 15046

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### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE SEED DEPARTMENT.

### Minutes:

"See attached testimony. #1."

**Chairman Holmberg** called the committee to order on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 3:20 pm. All committee members were present. Tad H. Torgerson, OMB and Sheila M. Sandness, Legislative Council were also present.

**Ken Bertsch, State Seed Commissioner and Administrator of the State Seed Department** testified in favor of HB 1022 and provided written Testimony attached # 1. All my comments you can read in my testimony. We are a single line budget, which occurred back in about 2005. There are very few changes to our budget. The salary line only changes by the amount that was recommended by the governor, and as I understand the 3 and 3 that started out is now 4 and 1, but as you can see there are no changes in our budget at the present time in terms of salaries. In terms of our operating lines we have a very slight increase for operating due to some additional mandatory testing processes that we are putting in place. Our capitol line is reduced this year and the major reason is if you recall in the last budget we came and asked for a \$200,000.00 appropriation to allow us to do a building project in our graft and office which has been completed so our capital line is reduced. All the other lines in our budget which include a contingency line and a grants line remain the same from the last budget. On page 3 of my testimony you can see how our budget breaks down by programs that we operated within the department, the 5 major programs that we operate.

**Chairman Holmberg** asked if there are any questions. The hearing was closed on HB 1022. We may take it up tomorrow.

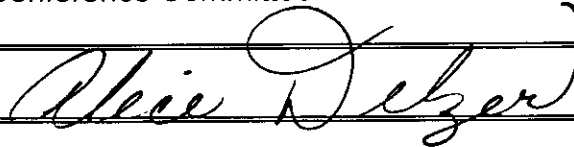
# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Senate Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

HB 1022  
03-18-2011  
Job 15660

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### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOR A DO PASS FOR THE SEED DEPARTMENT

### Minutes:

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**Chairman Holmberg** called the committee to order on Friday, March 18, 2011 in reference to HB 1022. All committee members were present except Senator Warner. Sara Chamberlin, Legislative Council and Tammy R. Dolan, OMB were also present.

**Senator Robinson moved a DO PASS. Seconded by Senator Wanzek.**

**Chairman Holmberg:** Committee members you are aware these bills go directly to the governor. Would you call the roll on the Seed Department for a DO PASS, HB 1022.

**A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: YEA: 12; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 1. Senator Wanzek will carry the bill. The hearing was closed on HB 1022.**

Date: 3-18-11  
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1022

Senate Appropriation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment  
☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Robinson Seconded By Wanzek

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg	✓		Senator Warner		
Senator Bowman	✓		Senator O'Connell	✓	
Senator Grindberg	✓		Senator Robinson	✓	
Senator Christmann	✓				
Senator Wardner	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Krebsbach	✓				
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Wanzek	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Wanzek

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1022: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1022 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

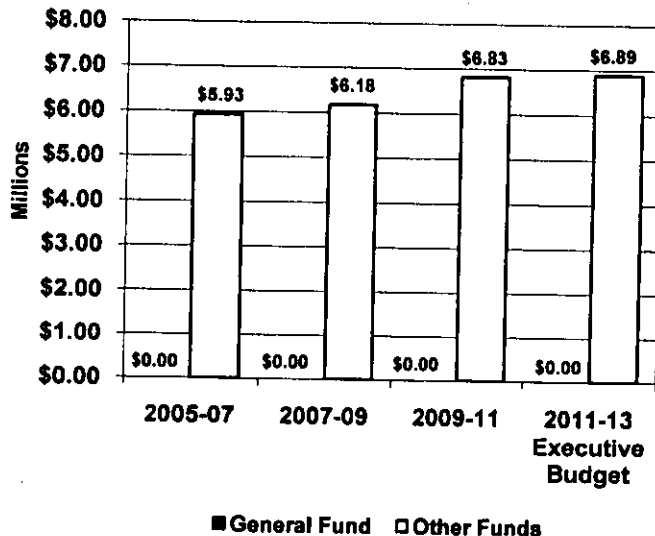
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**Department 616 - State Seed Department**  
**House Bill No. 1022**

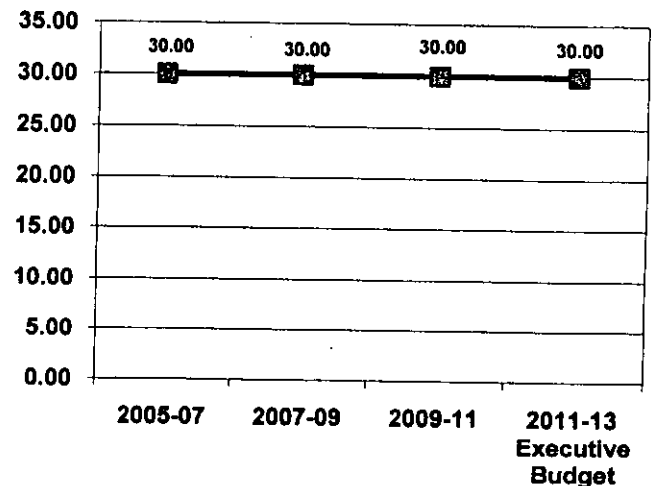
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 Executive Budget	30.00	\$0	\$6,894,011	\$6,894,011
2009-11 Legislative Appropriations	30.00	0	6,827,495	6,827,495 <sup>1</sup>
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$66,516	\$66,516

<sup>1</sup>The 2009-11 legislative appropriation amounts include \$22,000 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$16 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for executive branch employees.

**Agency Funding**



**FTE Positions**



**Executive Budget Highlights**

1. Adds inflationary and volume increases to operating expenses
2. Removes funding provided in the 2009-11 biennium for capital assets relating to capital projects (\$200,000), extraordinary repairs (\$98,500), laboratory testing equipment (\$55,000), and the information technology system (\$200,000)
3. Adds funding for capital assets in the 2011-13 biennium relating to extraordinary repairs (\$165,692), a generator (\$35,000), laboratory testing equipment (\$35,000), and the information technology system (\$160,000)

General Fund	Other Funds	Total
	\$15,000	\$15,000
	(\$553,500)	(\$553,500)
	\$395,692	\$395,692

**Continuing Appropriations**

No continuing appropriations for this agency.

**Significant Audit Findings**

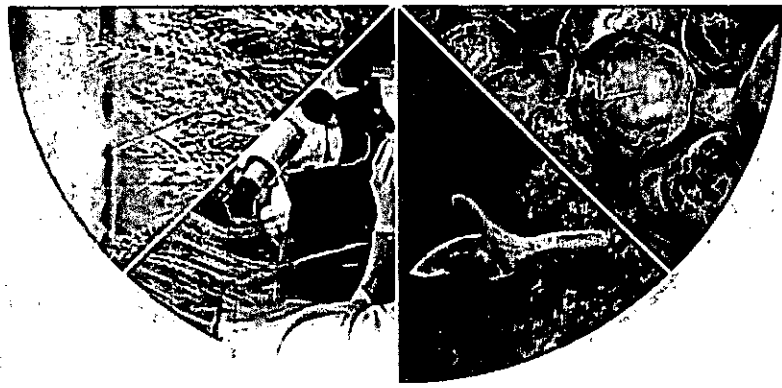
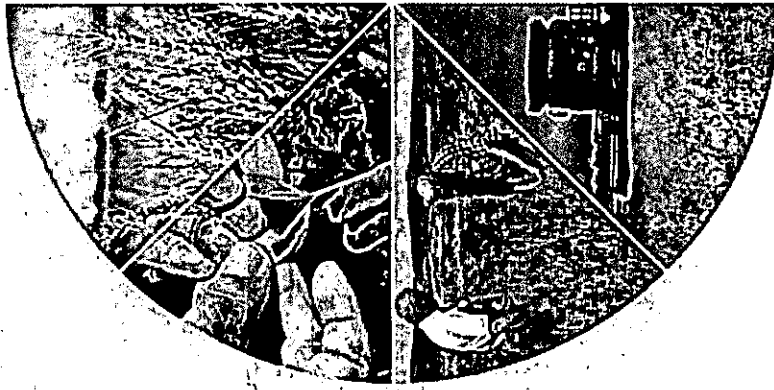
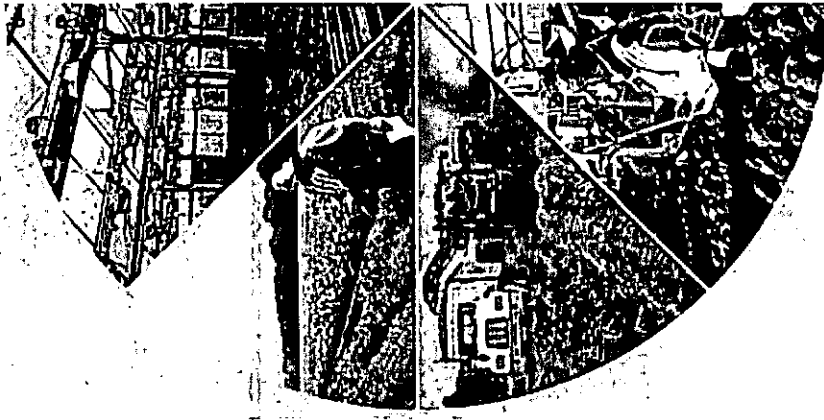
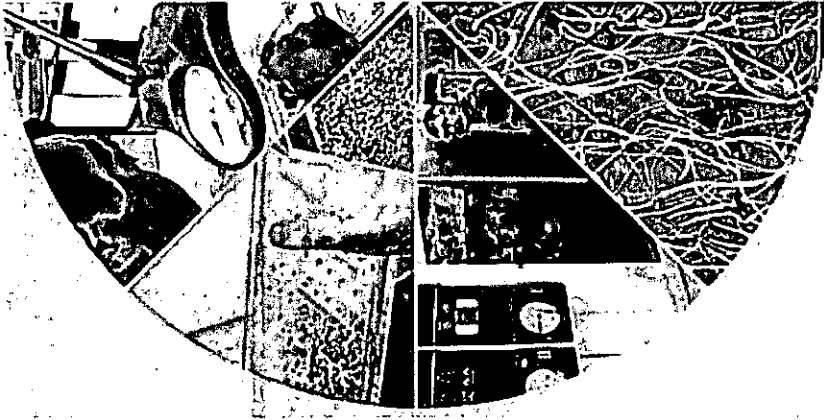
None.

**Major Related Legislation**

**House Bill No. 1027 - Seed laws - Rewrite** - Rewrites the laws pertaining to the State Seed Department and includes a continuing appropriation of all moneys collected by the State Seed Department (Agriculture Committee).

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**NORTH DAKOTA STATE SEED DEPARTMENT**  
**HB1022**  
**2011-2013 BUDGET REQUEST**





**HB 1022**  
**Seed Department Budget**

**House Appropriations**  
**Education and Environment Subcommittee**  
**January 11, 2011**

**Ken Bertsch, Commissioner**

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the House Appropriations Committee. For the record, my name is Ken Bertsch and I serve as State Seed Commissioner and Administrator of the State Seed Department. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today on behalf of the State Seed Commission and to provide an overview of HB1022, the Seed Department budget.

With the consent of the Committee, I will provide brief background of the budget request focusing on any change-areas in 2011-2013 as compared to the 2009-2011 budget. I would like to point out that the budget development process is guided by an agency long-range plan completed in late 2003 and updated annually, and is approved by the Seed Commission by virtue of their authority in state century code. The Commission is a nine-member board of directors appointed by associations throughout the state, which approves budgets, provides for policy changes and sets fees for the agency.

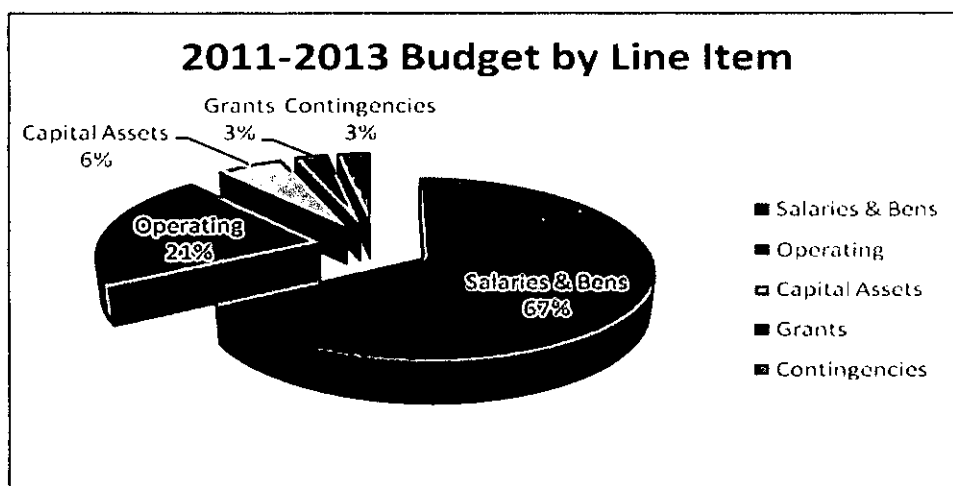
Regarding the audit review question requested by Legislative Council: the most recent audit of the Department contained a recommendation for creation of a financial control risk assessment process, as did most agencies. This review process is underway. Our audit was otherwise clear of any recommendations.

**Section 1**

Section 1 of HB1022 provides the base level funding for the Seed Department 2011-2013 budget, which was rolled into a single line in the 2005 Legislative Session. As you know, the Seed Department is a self-funded agency, whose budget consists (in total) of special funds and whose revenues are derived from service fees.

Six line items have been traditionally used to describe the major operating functions of the budget. We have continued to outline the six major areas (salaries, operating, capital improvements, grants, contingencies) so that Appropriations committees may have a basis for comparison regarding operating functions of the agency.

HB1022 shows a total increase in spending authority of \$88,516 over the 2009-2011 budget. The actual increase is \$66,516 resulting to the greatest extent from the governor's recommended increase for compensation package adjustments. I will explain the \$22,000 discrepancy in the following breakdown.



	Enhanced * 2009-2011	Requested 2011-2013	Recommended 2011-2013
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	4,401,537	4,402,948	4,610,861
<b>Operating</b>	1,472,458	1,487,458	1,487,458
<b>Capital Assets</b>	553,500	395,692	395,692
<b>Grants</b>	200,000	200,000	200,000
<b>Contingencies</b>	200,000	200,000	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,827,495</b>	<b>\$6,686,098</b>	<b>\$6,894,011</b>

The chart above breaks down the line item changes between our final 2009-2011 budget and the 2011-13 recommendation, which represents an increase of \$66,516.

\* We refer to our 2009-2011 budget as enhanced, since HB 1015 (2009 session) increased salary lines by \$22,000 in equity/salary funding after our 2009-2011 budget passed. This action creates a discrepancy between HB 1022 (which does not contain the 2009 equity funds) and the Governor's budget recommendation (accurately stated).

<u>Salaries</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$4,401,537	\$4,610,861	\$209,324	4.7%

The net increase of \$209,324 is a result of adjustments for laboratory staff reclassifications (\$1,411) for fiscal year 2010, and the Governor's salary increase recommendation (3%-3%, compounded) impacting base salary and benefits package.

<u>Operating</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$1,472,458	\$1,487,458	\$15,000	1.0

Operating expenses are increased by \$15,000 to provide for additional test materials required for newly implemented mandatory identification testing for certification of wheat, barley and field peas.

<u>Capital</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$553,500	\$395,692	\$157,808	-2.9

Capital expenditures decrease by \$157,808. The 2009-2011 budget provided \$200,000 for a building project at our Grafton location, which was completed in October of 2009. This request includes \$160,000 for completion of our large software project, representing a decrease of \$40,000 from 2009-2011. The request also includes \$70,000 (an increase of \$15,000) to allow for updating laboratory equipment, and \$165,692 (an increase of \$67,192) for extraordinary repairs (according to the extraordinary repairs buildings formula calculation provided by OMB).

<u>Grants</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	0%

The Grants line item remains at the same level. The Department grants funds to the North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association for the promotion of North Dakota Certified Seed.

<u>Contingency</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	0%

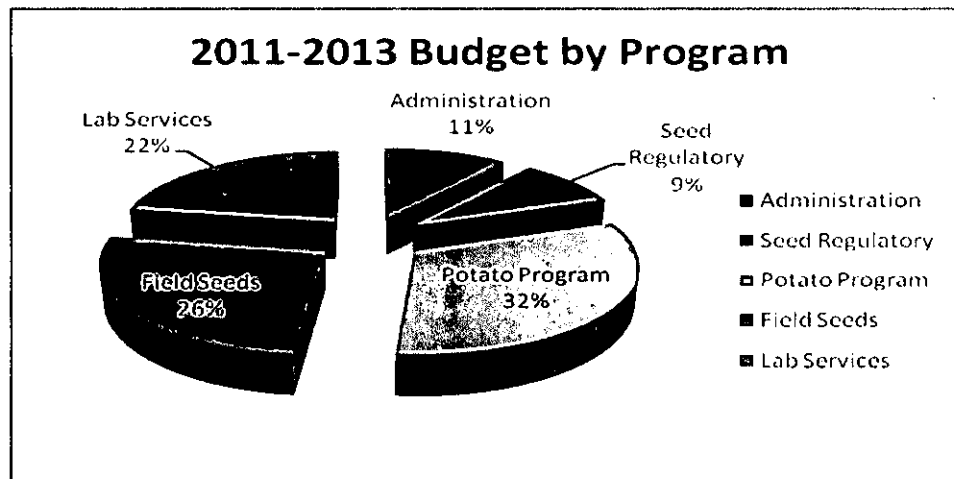
The Contingency line also remains at the same level as the past five biennial budgets. The contingency line was designed to provide the Department with spending authorization to respond to emergency phytosanitary problems such as Karnal Bunt or agro-terrorism-related emergency testing should it become necessary.

**Total Net Increase** **\$66,516**

**Total Seed Department Special Funds Appropriation** **\$6,894,011**

### Overview of Programs

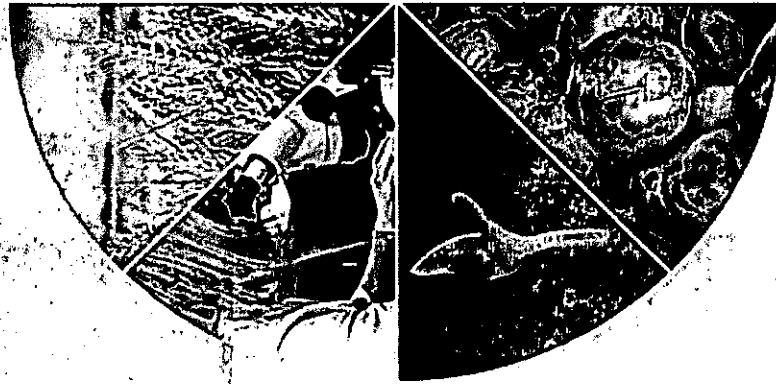
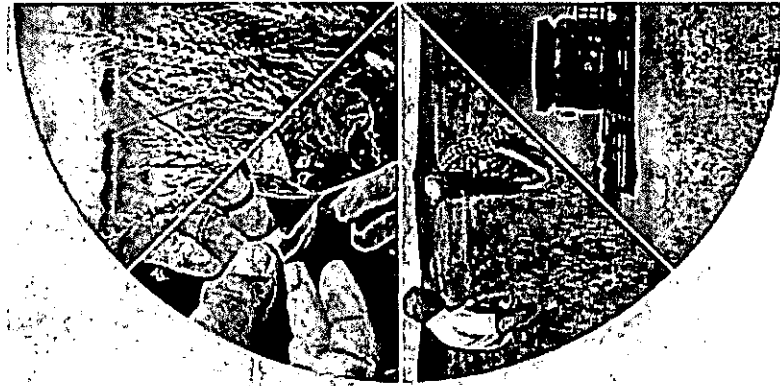
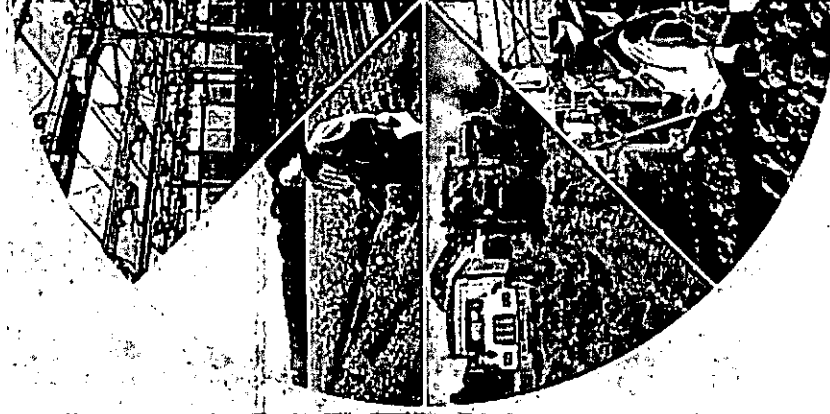
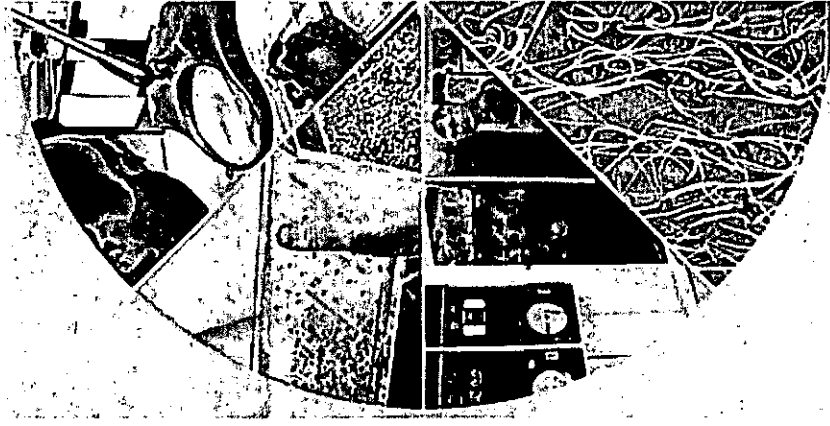
The Seed Department operates five major programs: Administration, Seed Regulatory, Field Seed Certification, Potato Certification and Laboratory Services. We have included a PowerPoint slide printout in this packet that provides additional information on Department programs. The graph below contains fiscal breakdowns of the various agency programs for 2011-2013, with comparative information provided.



	<b>Enhanced 2009-2011</b>	<b>Requested 2011-2013</b>	<b>Recommended 2011-2013</b>
<b>Administration</b>	888,500	730,692	730,692
<b>Seed Regulatory</b>	600,424	600,424	620,356
<b>Potato Program</b>	2,122,914	2,122,914	2,205,342
<b>Field Seed Program</b>	1,752,542	1,752,542	1,795,964
<b>Lab Services Program</b>	1,463,115	1,479,526	1,541,657
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,827,495</b>	<b>\$6,686,098</b>	<b>\$6,894,011</b>

We have provided information to Committee Counsel regarding the 09-11 budget and the 11-13 budget request as to budget utilization, variances and staffing. I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have on this budget information or on the operation of the State Seed Department. Thank you for the opportunity to present information on HB1022.

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**2011-2013 BUDGET REQUEST**



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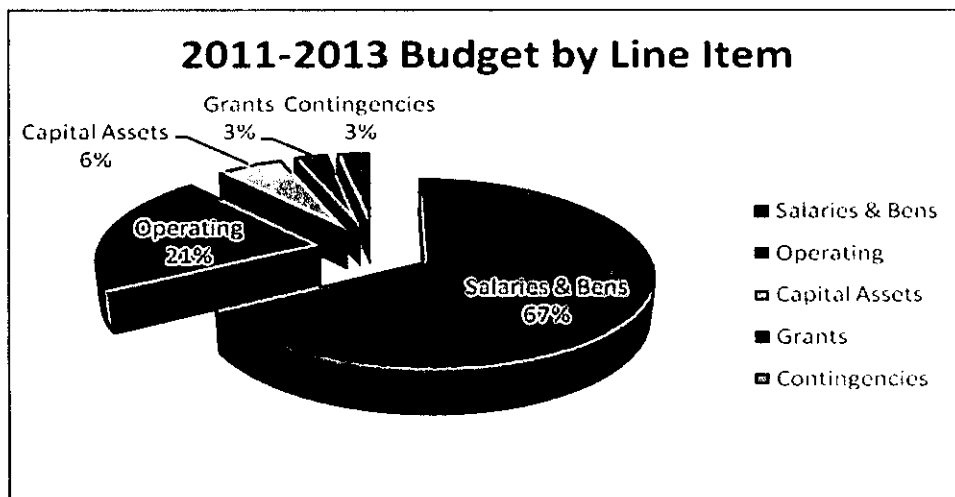
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The chart above breaks down the line item changes between our final 2009-2011 budget and the 2011-13 recommendation, which represents an increase of \$66,516.

\* We refer to our 2009-2011 budget as enhanced, since HB 1015 (2009 session) increased salary lines by \$22,000 in equity/salary funding after our 2009-2011 budget passed. This action creates a discrepancy between HB 1022 (which does not contain the 2009 equity funds) and the Governor's budget recommendation (accurately stated).

<u>Salaries</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$4,401,537	\$4,610,861	\$209,324	4.7%

The net increase of \$209,324 is a result of adjustments for laboratory staff reclassifications (\$1,411) for fiscal year 2010, and the Governor's salary increase recommendation (3%-3%, compounded) impacting base salary and benefits package.

<u>Operating</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$1,472,458	\$1,487,458	\$15,000	1.0

Operating expenses are increased by \$15,000 to provide for additional test materials required for newly implemented mandatory identification testing for certification of wheat, barley and field peas.

<u>Capital</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$553,500	\$395,692	\$157,808	-2.9

Capital expenditures decrease by \$157,808. The 2009-2011 budget provided \$200,000 for a building project at our Grafton location, which was completed in October of 2009. This request includes \$160,000 for completion of our large software project, representing a decrease of \$40,000 from 2009-2011. The request also includes \$70,000 (an increase of \$15,000) to allow for updating laboratory equipment, and \$165,692 (an increase of \$67,192) for extraordinary repairs (according to the extraordinary repairs buildings formula calculation provided by OMB).

<u>Grants</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	0%

The Grants line item remains at the same level. The Department grants funds to the North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association for the promotion of North Dakota Certified Seed.

<u>Contingency</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	0%

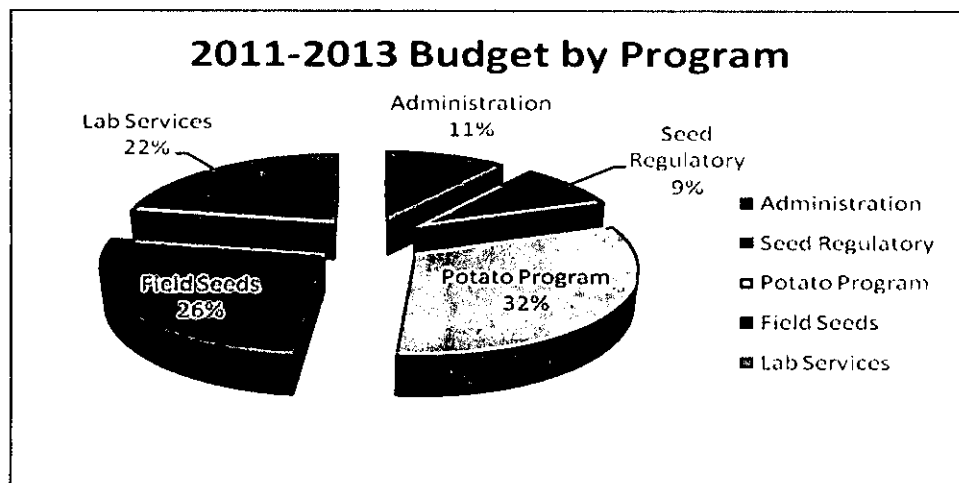
The Contingency line also remains at the same level as the past five biennial budgets. The contingency line was designed to provide the Department with spending authorization to respond to emergency phytosanitary problems such as Karnal Bunt or agro-terrorism-related emergency testing should it become necessary.

**Total Net Increase** **\$66,516**

**Total Seed Department Special Funds Appropriation** **\$6,894,011**

### Overview of Programs

The Seed Department operates five major programs: Administration, Seed Regulatory, Field Seed Certification, Potato Certification and Laboratory Services. The graph below contains fiscal breakdowns of the various agency programs for 2011-2013, with comparative information provided.



	<b>Enhanced 2009-2011</b>	<b>Requested 2011-2013</b>	<b>Recommended 2011-2013</b>
<b>Administration</b>	888,500	730,692	730,692
<b>Seed Regulatory</b>	600,424	600,424	620,356
<b>Potato Program</b>	2,122,914	2,122,914	2,205,342
<b>Field Seed Program</b>	1,752,542	1,752,542	1,795,964
<b>Lab Services Program</b>	1,463,115	1,479,526	1,541,657
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,827,495</b>	<b>\$6,686,098</b>	<b>\$6,894,011</b>

We have provided information to Committee Counsel regarding the 09-11 budget and the 11-13 budget request as to budget utilization, variances and staffing. I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have on this budget information or on the operation of the State Seed Department. Thank you for the opportunity to present information on HB1022.