

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1009

Page 1, line 2, after "commissioner" insert "; to create and enact a new section to chapter 19-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to license, inspection, and registration fees"

Page 1, line 3, after "transfers" insert "; to provide for a legislative management study of the milk marketing board"

Page 1, replace lines 13 through 22 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$9,712,364	\$909,745	\$10,622,109
Operating expenses	6,451,453	(679,191)	5,772,262
Capital assets	17,000	(5,000)	12,000
Grants	3,170,828	800,000	3,970,828
State board of animal health	2,153,952	(44,124)	2,109,828
Wildlife services	1,417,400	0	1,417,400
Crop harmonization board	75,000	0	75,000
Accrued leave payments	<u>0</u>	<u>237,295</u>	<u>237,295</u>
Total all funds	\$22,997,997	\$1,218,725	\$24,216,722
Less estimated income	<u>14,801,251</u>	<u>223,143</u>	<u>15,024,394</u>
Total general fund	\$8,196,746	\$995,582	\$9,192,328"

Page 2, line 2, replace "\$200,000" with "\$325,000"

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"SECTION 3. ESTIMATED INCOME - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$5,997,408, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the environment and rangeland protection fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of various department of agriculture programs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015."

Page 2, line 6, replace "\$968,796" with "\$484,398"

Page 2, line 21, replace "ninety-nine" with "ninety-eight"

Page 2, line 22, replace "thirty-five" with "seventy-eight"

Page 2, line 23, replace "three" with "one"

Page 2, line 23, replace "twelve" with "thirty-two"

Page 2, after line 23, insert:

"SECTION 8. A new section to chapter 19-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Deposit of fees.

The commissioner shall forward all inspection fees, license fees, and registration fees received under this chapter to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit the first \$485,000 of fees received under this chapter each biennium in the environment and rangeland protection fund and any remaining fees in the general fund.

SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MILK MARKETING BOARD. During the 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the structure of the milk marketing board; its statutory duties; the manner in which it prescribes and regulates producer, distributor, and retail prices throughout the state; and the manner in which it investigates and resolves concerns regarding the price and availability of milk throughout the state. If conducted, the study must review any policy or regulatory changes that the board has implemented in order to address pricing issues and availability of milk in the western portion of this state. The study must examine whether the continued regulation of the grade A dairy industry is best accomplished by the milk marketing board in its current form and operating under its current statutory directives, whether changes are needed to the board or its statutory directives, and whether there are other methods by which the desired results could be effectively and efficiently achieved. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1009 - Department of Agriculture - House Action

	Executive Budget	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$11,258,319	(\$636,210)	\$10,622,109
Operating expenses	5,772,262		5,772,262
Capital assets	12,000		12,000
Grants	4,050,828	(80,000)	3,970,828
State Board of Animal Health	2,135,803	(25,975)	2,109,828
Wildlife Services	1,417,400		1,417,400
Crop Harmonization Board	75,000		75,000
Accrued leave payments		237,295	237,295
Total all funds	\$24,721,612	(\$504,890)	\$24,216,722
Less estimated income	15,209,546	(185,152)	15,024,394
General fund	\$9,512,066	(\$319,738)	\$9,192,328
FTE	77.00	0.00	77.00

Department No. 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of House Changes

	Corrects Executive Compensation Package¹	Adjusts State Employee Compensation and Benefits Package²	Provides Separate Line Item for Accrued Leave Payments³	Removes Centennial Farms Program Grant⁴	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$26,212	(\$451,102)	(\$211,320)		(\$636,210)
Operating expenses					
Capital assets					
Grants				(80,000)	(80,000)
State Board of Animal Health			(25,975)		(25,975)
Wildlife Services					
Crop Harmonization Board					
Accrued leave payments			237,295		237,295

Total all funds	\$26,212	(\$451,102)	\$0	(\$80,000)	(\$504,890)
Less estimated income	11,533	(196,685)	0	0	(185,152)
General fund	\$14,679	(\$254,417)	\$0	(\$80,000)	(\$319,738)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹Funding is added due to a calculation error in the executive compensation package.

²This amendment adjusts the state employee compensation and benefits package as follows:

- Reduces the performance component from 3 to 5 percent per year to 2 to 4 percent per year.
- Reduces the market component from 2 to 4 percent per year for employees below the midpoint of their salary range to up to 2 percent for employees in the first quartile of their salary range for the first year of the biennium only.
- Removes funding for additional retirement contribution increases.

³A portion of salaries and wages funding from the general fund (\$132,719) and from other funds (\$104,576) for permanent employees' compensation and benefits is reallocated to an accrued leave payments line item for paying annual leave and sick leave for eligible employees.

⁴Funding included in the executive budget recommendation for a grant to the Centennial Farms program is removed.

This amendment also:

- Increases the transfer from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use fund from \$200,000 to \$325,000.
- Adds a section to deposit the first \$485,000 of commercial feed license, inspection, and registration fees received under Chapter 19-13.1 in the environment and rangeland protection fund rather than the general fund.
- Adjusts Section 6 relating to the salary of the Agriculture Commissioner consistent with changes made to the state employee compensation package.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study of the Milk Marketing Board.
- Changes the statutory salary for the Agriculture Commissioner to provide for a 3 percent annual increase rather than a 4 percent annual increase as recommended in the executive budget.