

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2245

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide an appropriation to the agriculture commissioner for an intermodal facility grant program; to provide for a transfer; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - BEGINNING FARMER REVOLVING LOAN FUND - INTERMODAL FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING. As requested by the agriculture commissioner, the Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of \$2,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund to the agriculture commissioner for deposit in the agriculture commissioner operating fund, the sum of which is appropriated to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of a grant program for expanding rail capacity to enhance the value of agriculture and commercial products exported through an intermodal facility in North Dakota for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2023. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

1. The agriculture commissioner shall establish guidelines for awarding grants under the intermodal facility grant program.
2. Grants may be awarded only to an organization dedicated to the expansion of rail capacity at an existing intermodal facility in the state connected to and served by a class I railroad. Grant funds may be used only to pay for engineering costs, labor, equipment, and materials related to rail track expansion.
3. To qualify for the program, an organization and any entity owning assets of the intermodal facility shall agree to repay up to \$2,500,000, or the amount of the grant spent on rail track expansion, to the agriculture commissioner for transfer to the Bank of North Dakota for deposit in the beginning farmer revolving loan fund if intermodal facility assets are sold for at least \$10,000,000. If intermodal facility assets are sold for less than \$10,000,000, the amount of grant funding repaid must be proportional to the sales price as a percentage of \$10,000,000.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2245 - Summary of House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Department of Commerce				
Total all funds	\$0	\$10,000,000	(\$10,000,000)	\$0
Less estimated income	0	10,000,000	(10,000,000)	0

General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department of Agriculture				
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Less estimated income	0	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total				
Total all funds	\$0	\$10,000,000	(\$7,500,000)	\$2,500,000
Less estimated income	0	10,000,000	(7,500,000)	2,500,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Senate Bill No. 2245 - Department of Commerce - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Intermodal transportation assistance		\$10,000,000	(\$10,000,000)	
Total all funds	\$0	\$10,000,000	(\$10,000,000)	\$0
Less estimated income	0	10,000,000	(10,000,000)	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of House Changes

	Removes Funding for Intermodal Transportation Assistance Program ¹	Total House Changes
Intermodal transportation assistance	(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)
Total all funds	(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)
Less estimated income	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$10 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund appropriated by the Senate to the Department of Commerce for an intermodal transportation assistance program is removed.

Senate Bill No. 2245 - Department of Agriculture - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Intermodal facility grants			\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Less estimated income	0	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of House Changes

	Adds One-Time Funding for Intermodal Grant Program¹	Total House Changes
Intermodal facility grants	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Total all funds	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Less estimated income	2,500,000	2,500,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$2.5 million from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund is appropriated to the Agriculture Commissioner for an intermodal facility grant program. Grants may be awarded only to an organization dedicated to the expansion of rail capacity at an existing intermodal facility in the state connected to and served by a class I railroad. Grant funds may be used only to pay for engineering costs, labor, equipment, and materials related to rail track expansion. If facility assets are sold, all or a portion of the grant amount must be repaid. An emergency clause is added.