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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

In place of amendment (25.0187.02001) adopted by the House, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2020 is amended by amendment (25.0187.02002) as follows:

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota
2 state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation
3 institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm; to provide
4 for a report; ~~and~~ to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
9 federal funds, to the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops
10 institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch
11 research centers, and agronomy seed farm for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
12 North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great
13 plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and
14 agronomy seed farm, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as
15 follows:

16 Subdivision 1.

17 **NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE**

18		Adjustments or	
19	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>

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1	Extension service	\$59,478,945	\$944,303	\$60,423,248
2	<u>Extension service</u>	<u>\$59,478,945</u>	<u>\$2,342,700</u>	<u>\$61,821,645</u>
3	Soil conservation committee	1,361,520	0	1,361,520
4	New and vacant FTE pool	0	3,053,795	3,053,795
5	Total all funds	\$60,840,465	\$3,998,098	\$64,838,563
6	Less other funds	29,049,776	2,389,356	31,439,132
7	Total general fund	\$31,790,689	\$1,608,742	\$33,399,431
8	Full-time equivalent positions	252.70	2.74	255.44
9	<u>New and vacant FTE pool</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,301,295</u>	<u>3,301,295</u>
10	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$60,840,465</u>	<u>\$5,643,995</u>	<u>\$66,484,460</u>
11	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>29,049,776</u>	<u>2,839,356</u>	<u>31,889,132</u>
12	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$31,790,689</u>	<u>\$2,804,639</u>	<u>\$34,595,328</u>
13	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>252.70</u>	<u>3.74</u>	<u>256.44</u>

14 Subdivision 2.

15 NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE

16		Adjustments or		
17		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Northern crops institute	\$5,724,771	\$1,549,397	\$7,274,168
19	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>101,995</u>	<u>101,995</u>
20	Total all funds	\$5,724,771	\$1,651,392	\$7,376,163
21	Less other funds	<u>3,541,116</u>	<u>852,928</u>	<u>4,394,044</u>
22	Total general fund	\$2,183,655	\$798,464	\$2,982,119
23	Full-time equivalent positions	18.15	0.20	18.35

24 Subdivision 3.

25 UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

26		Adjustments or		
27		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
28	Upper great plains transportation	\$24,807,516	\$521,955	\$25,329,471
29	institute			
30	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>266,019</u>	<u>266,019</u>
31	Total all funds	\$24,807,516	\$787,974	\$25,595,490

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1	Less other funds	<u>19,581,141</u>	<u>507,090</u>	<u>20,088,231</u>
2	Total general fund	\$5,226,375	\$280,884	\$5,507,259
3	Full-time equivalent positions	43.88	(1.00)	42.88

4 Subdivision 4.

5 MAIN RESEARCH CENTER

6		Adjustments or		
7		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
8	Main research center	\$116,148,130	\$16,426,589	\$132,574,719
9	<u>Main research center</u>	<u>\$116,148,130</u>	<u>\$19,566,700</u>	<u>\$135,714,830</u>
10	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>5,060,201</u>	<u>5,060,201</u>
11	Total all funds	\$116,148,130	\$21,486,790	\$137,634,920
12	Less other funds	58,022,465	17,122,229	75,144,694
13	Total general fund	\$58,125,665	\$4,364,561	\$62,490,226
14	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$116,148,130</u>	<u>\$24,626,901</u>	<u>\$140,775,031</u>
15	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>58,022,465</u>	<u>19,051,827</u>	<u>77,074,292</u>
16	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$58,125,665</u>	<u>\$5,575,074</u>	<u>\$63,700,739</u>
17	Full-time equivalent positions	358.47	6.08	364.55

18 Subdivision 5.

19 BRANCH RESEARCH CENTERS

20		Adjustments or		
21		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
22	Dickinson research center	\$7,379,838	\$355,827	\$7,735,665
23	Central grasslands research center	3,618,270	88,766	3,707,036
24	Hettinger research center	5,381,248	160,658	5,541,906
25	Langdon research center	3,195,869	280,058	3,475,927
26	North-Central research center	5,355,217	122,311	5,477,528
27	Williston research center	5,527,125	186,785	5,713,910
28	Garrington research center	10,191,002	328,102	10,519,104
29	New and vacant FTE pool	0	999,674	999,674
30	Total all funds	\$40,648,569	\$2,522,181	\$43,170,750
31	Less other funds	20,964,971	605,212	21,570,183

1	Total general fund	\$19,683,598	\$1,916,969	\$21,600,567
2	Dickinson research center	\$7,379,838	\$435,827	\$7,815,665
3	Central grasslands research center	3,618,270	168,766	3,787,036
4	Hettinger research center	5,381,248	240,658	5,621,906
5	Langdon research center	3,195,869	360,058	3,555,927
6	North Central research center	5,355,217	202,311	5,557,528
7	Williston research center	5,527,125	266,785	5,793,910
8	Carrington research center	10,191,002	408,102	10,599,104
9	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,089,674	1,089,674
10	Total all funds	\$40,648,569	\$3,172,181	\$43,820,750
11	Less other funds	20,964,971	885,212	21,850,183
12	Total general fund	\$19,683,598	\$2,286,969	\$21,970,567
13	Full-time equivalent positions	111.81	(4.65)	107.16
14	Subdivision 6.			
15	AGRONOMY SEED FARM			
16			Adjustments or	
17		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Agronomy seed farm	\$1,632,722	\$39,931	\$1,672,653
19	New and vacant FTE pool	0	7,343	7,343
20	Total special funds	\$1,632,722	\$47,274	\$1,679,996
21	Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	0.00	3.00
22	Subdivision 7.			
23	SECTION 1 TOTAL			
24			Adjustments or	
25		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
26	Grand total all funds	\$249,802,173	\$30,493,709	\$280,295,882
27	Less grand total other funds	132,792,191	21,524,089	154,316,280
28	Grand total general fund	\$117,009,982	\$8,969,620	\$125,979,602
29	Full-time equivalent positions	788.01	3.37	791.38
30	Grand total all funds	\$249,802,173	\$35,929,717	\$285,731,890
31	Less grand total other funds	132,792,191	24,183,687	156,975,878

1	<u>Grand total general fund</u>	<u>\$117,009,982</u>	<u>\$11,746,030</u>	<u>\$128,756,012</u>
2	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>788.01</u>	<u>4.37</u>	<u>792.38</u>

3 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

4 **SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
5 items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's
6 base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which each entity shall report to the appropriations
7 committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

8	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
9	Northern crops institute			
10	Protein extraction and air classification system	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
11	Total northern crops institute	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
12	Main research center			
13	Equipment storage sheds	\$1,567,500	\$0	\$1,567,500
14	Oakes irrigation research site interior	0	620,000	620,000
15	Langdon seed conditioning plant	0	2,600,000	2,600,000
16	Nesson Valley irrigation research site	0	2,300,000	2,300,000
17	<u>Deferred maintenance</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
18	Williston research center storage shed	0	200,000	200,000
19	Swine facility renovation	0	6,000,000	6,000,000
20	Main research center greenhouse addition	0	3,250,000	3,250,000
21	Total main research center	\$1,567,500	\$14,970,000	\$16,537,550
22	Grand total	\$1,567,500	\$15,320,000	\$16,887,500
23	<u>Total main research center</u>	<u>\$1,567,500</u>	<u>\$15,470,000</u>	<u>\$17,037,500</u>
24	<u>Grand total</u>	<u>\$1,567,500</u>	<u>\$15,820,000</u>	<u>\$17,387,500</u>

25 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The

26 North Dakota state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains
27 transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed
28 farm may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of
29 this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new
30 and vacant FTE pool line item to the North Dakota state university extension service, northern
31 crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch

research centers, and agronomy seed farm line items in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS

INCOME. The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues received during the 2025-27 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for one-time expenditures, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS

INCOME - REPORT. The Williston research extension center shall report to the seventieth legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amounts included in the other funds appropriation line items and special funds appropriations line item in section 1 of this Act, any other income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise provided by law, is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 7. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS

FUND - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER. The other funds line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of the Act includes the sum of ~~\$1,970,000~~\$2,470,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund, of which \$950,000 is for the Langdon seed conditioning plant, \$620,000 is for the Oakes irrigation research site, \$500,000 is for deferred maintenance, and \$400,000 is for the Nesson Valley irrigation research site.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch research center directors, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer

appropriation authority, except appropriation authority in the new and vacant FTE pool line items, within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 9. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS -

REPORT. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the state board of higher education may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities in section 1 of this Act, subject to availability of funds. All full-time or part-time positions must be separate from North Dakota state university. Annually, the board shall report to the office of management and budget and to the budget section any adjustments made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 10. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME. Any unexpended general fund appropriation authority available to and any excess income received by entities listed in section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be expended by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029.

SECTION 11. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS. The following appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

1. The sum of \$475,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund for storage sheds in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws; and
2. The sum of \$1,700,000 appropriated from the general fund for the Nesson Valley irrigation research site project in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws. ~~The Nesson Valley irrigation research site must include an interactive video conference meeting room, reception area, four offices, laboratory, information technology room, bathroom, kitchen, break room, storage room, janitorial room, and mechanical room and electrical room. The Nesson Valley irrigation research site must be at least five thousand square feet [464.5 square meters] and have an adjoining heated shop that is at least three thousand two hundred fifty square feet [301.9 square meters].~~

SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION. The main research center, for its use of the \$1,567,500 appropriated from

1 the general fund for branch research center storage sheds is not subject to the provisions of
2 section 48-01.2-02.1, and the main research center may spend this funding without procuring
3 plans, drawings, and specifications from an architect or engineer.

4 **SECTION 13. EMERGENCY.** The \$6,000,000 appropriated from other funds for the swine
5 facility renovation in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency
6 measure.