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Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

Introduced by

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Appropriations Committee

- 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

Base Level

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Adjustments or

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1	Extension service	\$59,478,945	\$944,303	\$60,423,248
2	Extension service	\$59,478,945	\$2,404,662	\$61,883,607
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	New and vacant FTE pool	0	3,301,295	3,301,295
10	Total all funds	\$60,840,465	\$5,705,957	\$66,546,422
11	Less other funds	29,049,776	2,839,356	31,889,132
12	Total general fund	\$31,790,689	\$2,866,601	\$34,657,290
13	Full-time equivalent positions	252.70	3.74	256.44
14	Subdivision 2.			
15	NOR	THERN CROPS INST	TTUTE	
16			Adjustments or	
17		Base Level	Enhancements	<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>	101,995	101,995
20	Total all funds	\$5,724,771	\$1,651,392	\$7,376,163
21	Less other funds	3,541,116	852,928	4,394,044
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 F	PLAINS TRANSPORT	ATION INSTITUTE	
26			Adjustments or	
27		Base Level	Enhancements	<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>	266,019
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>	507,090	20,088,231
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	MA	IN RESEARCH CE	NTER	
6			Adjustments or	
7		Base Level	Enhancements	<u>Appropriation</u>
8	Main research center	\$116,148,130	\$16,426,589	\$132,574,719
9	Main research center	\$116,148,130	\$19,614,730	\$135,762,860
10	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	5,060,201	5,060,201
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	Total all funds	\$116,148,130	\$24,674,931	\$140,823,061
15	Less other funds	58,022,465	19,051,827	77,074,292
16	Total general fund	\$58,125,665	\$5,623,104	\$63,748,769
17	Full-time equivalent positions	358.47	6.08	364.55
18	Subdivision 5.			
19	BRAN	CH RESEARCH CE	ENTERS	
20			Adjustments or	
21		Base Level	<u>Enhancements</u>	Appropriation
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	Carrington research center	10,191,002	328,102	10,519,104
29	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	999,674	999,674
30	Total all funds	\$40,648,569	\$2,522,181	\$43,170,750
31	Less other funds	<u>20,964,971</u>	605,212	21,570,183

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1	Tatal sanaval fund	\$19,683,598	\$1,916,969	\$21,600,567
	Total general fund			
2	Dickinson research center		\$435,827	\$7,815,665
3	Central grasslands research center		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	1,359,674	1,359,674
10	Total all funds	\$40,648,569	\$3,442,181	\$44,090,750
11	Less other funds	20,964,971	885,212	21,850,183
12	Total general fund	\$19,683,598	\$2,556,969	\$22,240,567
13	Full-time equivalent positions	111.81	(4.65)	107.16
14	Subdivision 6.			
15	A	GRONOMY SEED FA	ARM	
16			Adjustments or	
17		Base Level	Enhancements	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Agronomy seed farm	\$1,632,722	\$39,931	\$1,672,653
19	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>7,343</u>	<u>7,343</u>
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 TOTA	Ĺ	
24			Adjustments or	
25		Base Level	Enhancements	<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	\$36,309,709	\$286,111,882
31	Less grand total other funds	132,792,191	24,183,687	156,975,878

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1	Grand total general fund	\$117,009,	982	\$12,126,022	\$129,136,004
2	Full-time equivalent positions	788	3.01	4.37	792.38
3	SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING -	EFFECT	ON B	ASE BUDGET - REP	ORT TO
4	SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	Y. The foll	owing	amounts reflect the	one-time funding
5	items included in the appropriation in sect	tion 1 of th	nis Ac	t which are not include	ed in the entity's
6	base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and	d which e	ach e	ntity shall report to the	e appropriations
7	committees of the seventieth legislative as	ssembly r	egard	ling the use of this fur	iding:
8	One-Time Funding Description	General F	und	Other Funds	<u>Total</u>
9	Northern crops institute				
10	Protein extraction and air classification	system	<u>\$0</u>	\$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	Deferred maintenance		0	500,000	500,000
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 addit	ion	<u>0</u>	3,250,000	3,250,000
21	Total main research center	<u>\$1,567</u>	,500	\$14,970,000	\$16,537,550
22	Grand total	\$1,567	,500	\$15,320,000	\$16,887,500
23	Total main research center	\$1,567	,500	\$15,470,000	\$17,037,500
24	Grand total	\$1,567	,500	\$15,820,000	\$17,387,500
25	SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FT	E POOL	- LIMI	TATION - TRANSFE	R REQUEST. The
26	North Dakota state university extension s	ervice, no	orther	n crops institute, uppe	r great plains
27	transportation institute, main research ce	nter, bran	ch res	search centers, and a	gronomy seed
28	farm may not spend funds appropriated in	n the new	and v	vacant FTE pool line i	tem in section 1 of
29	this Act, but may request the office of ma	nagemen	t and	budget to transfer fun	ds from the new
30	and vacant FTE pool line item to the Nort	th Dakota	state	university extension	service, northern
31	crops institute, upper great plains transpo	ortation in	stitute	, main research cente	er, branch

7	research centers, and agronomy seed farm line items in accordance with the guidelines and
2	reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative
3	assembly.
4	SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS
5	INCOME. The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues
6	received during the 2025-27 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing
7	operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for
8	one-time expenditures for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
9	SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS
10	INCOME - REPORT. The Williston research extension center shall report to the seventieth
11	legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or
12	easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and the
13	biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
14	SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amounts
15	included in the other funds appropriation line items and special funds appropriations line item in
16	section 1 of this Act, any other income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts,
17	and donations, or from other sources received by the North Dakota state university extension
18	service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main
19	research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise
20	provided by law, is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation,
21	for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
22	SECTION 7. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS
23	FUND - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER. The other funds line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of
24	the Act includes the sum of \$1,970,000\$2,470,000 from the strategic investment and
25	improvements fund, of which \$950,000 is for the Langdon seed conditioning plant, \$620,000 is
26	for the Oakes irrigation research site, \$500,000 is for deferred maintenance, and \$400,000 is for
27	the Nesson Valley irrigation research site.
28	SECTION 8. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,
29	upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch
30	research center directors, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer

1	appropriation authority, except appropriation authority in the new and vacant FTE pool line
2	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:

- 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

Senate Bill No. 2020 - Branch Research Centers - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool		\$999,674	\$360,000	\$1,359,674
Dickinson Research Center	\$7,379,838	7,735,665	80,000	7,815,665
Central Grasslands Research Center	3,618,270	3,707,036	80,000	3,787,036
Hettinger Research Center	5,381,248	5,541,906	80,000	5,621,906
Langdon Research Center	3,195,869	3,475,927	80,000	3,555,927
North Central Research Center	5,355,217	5,477,528	80,000	5,557,528
Williston Research Center	5,527,125	5,713,910	80,000	5,793,910
Carrington Research Center	10,191,002	10,519,104	80,000	10,599,104
Total all funds	\$40,648,569	\$43,170,750	\$920,000	\$44,090,750
Less estimated income	20,964,971	21,570,183	280,000	21,850,183
General fund	\$19,683,598	\$21,600,567	\$640,000	\$22,240,567
FTE	111.81	107.16	0.00	107.16

Department 628 - Branch Research Centers - Detail of House Changes

	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool ¹	Adds Funding for Research Specialist Positions ²	Adds Funding for Operating Expenses ³	Total House Changes
New and vacant FTE pool	\$360,000			\$360,000
Dickinson Research Center			\$80,000	80,000
Central Grasslands Research Center			80,000	80,000
Hettinger Research Center			80,000	80,000
Langdon Research Center			80,000	80,000
North Central Research Center	(400,000)	\$400,000	80,000	80,000
Williston Research Center			80,000	80,000
Carrington Research Center			80,000	80,000
Total all funds	(\$40,000)	\$400,000	\$560,000	\$920,000
Less estimated income	0	0	280,000	280,000
General fund	(\$40,000)	\$400,000	\$280,000	\$640,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding of \$400,000 is removed for new research specialist positions and \$360,000 is added for the positions in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

Senate Bill No. 2020 - NDSU Extension Service - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool	Westerland Co. C.	\$3,053,795	\$247,500	\$3,301,295
Extension Service	\$59,478,945	60,423,248	1,460,359	61,883,607
Soil Conservation Committee	1,361,520	1,361,520		1,361,520
Total all funds	\$60,840,465	\$64,838,563	\$1,707,859	\$66,546,422
Less estimated income	29,049,776	31,439,132	450,000	31,889,132
General fund	\$31,790,689	\$33,399,431	\$1,257,859	\$34,657,290
FTE	252.70	255.44	1.00	256.44

² Funding of \$400,000 from the general fund is added for a grape and vineyard research specialist and an agronomy research specialist. The State Board of Higher Education may increase the number of authorized FTE positions pursuant to Section 9 for these positions.

³ Funding of \$280,000 from the general fund and \$280,000 from local funds is added for operating expenses at the branch research centers.

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Department 630 - NDSU Extension Service - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding to Restore Base Budget Reductions ¹	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool ²	Adds Funding for an FTE Extension Carbon Specialist ³	Adds Funding for Operating Expenses ⁴	Total House Changes
New and vacant FTE pool Extension Service Soil Conservation Committee	\$1,295,359	\$247,500 (275,000)	\$290,000	\$150,000	\$247,500 1,460,359
Total all funds Less estimated income	\$1,295,359 300,000	(\$27,500) 0	\$290,000	\$150,000 150,000	\$1,707,859 450,000
General fund	\$995,359	(\$27,500)	\$290,000	\$0	\$1,257,859
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00

¹ Funding of \$995,359 from the general fund and \$300,000 from local funds is added to to restore a portion of the funding removed by the Senate for base budget reductions.

Senate Bill No. 2020 - Northern Crops Institute - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool		\$101,995		\$101,995
Northern Crops Institute	\$5,724,771	7,274,168		7,274,168
Total all funds	\$5,724,771	\$7,376,163	\$0	\$7,376,163
Less estimated income	3,541,116	4,394,044	0	4,394,044
General fund	\$2,183,655	\$2,982,119	\$0	\$2,982,119
FTE	18.15	18.35	0.00	18.35

Senate Bill No. 2020 - Main Research Center - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool		\$5,060,201		\$5,060,201
Main Research Center	\$116,148,130	132,574,719	\$3,188,141	135,762,860
Total all funds	\$116,148,130	\$137,634,920	\$3,188,141	\$140,823,061
Less estimated income	58,022,465	75,144,694	1,929,598	77,074,292
General fund	\$58,125,665	\$62,490,226	\$1,258,543	\$63,748,769
FTE	358.47	364.55	0.00	364.55

Department 640 - Main Research Center - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding to Restore Base Budget Reductions ¹	Adds Funding for Research Equipment ²	Adds One- Time Funding for Deferred Maintenance ³	Total House Changes
New and vacant FTE pool Main Research Center	\$1,688,141	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	
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Total all funds	\$1,688,141	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$3,188,141
Less estimated income	429,598	1,000,000	500,000	1,929,598
General fund	\$1,258,543	\$0	\$0	\$1,258,543
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

² Funding of \$275,000 for a new FTE extension carbon specialist position is removed and \$247,500 is added for the position in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

³ Funding of \$290,000 is added from the general fund for an FTE extension carbon specialist position, including \$15,000 for operating expenses.

⁴ Funding of \$150,000 from local funds is added for operating expenses.

Senate Bill No. 2020 - Agronomy Seed Farm - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool		\$7,343		\$7,343
Agronomy Seed Farm	\$1,632,722	1,672,653		1,672,653
Total all funds	\$1,632,722	\$1,679,996	\$0	\$1,679,996
Less estimated income	1,632,722	1,679,996	0	1,679,996
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00

Senate Bill No. 2020 - Other Changes - House Action

The amendment also:

- Amends a section identifying \$2,470,000 appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF. The Senate appropriated \$1,970,000 from SIIF.
- Amends a section to remove requirements added by the Senate for the Nesson Valley Irrigation Research Site.
- Adds a section to exempt the Main Research Center from Section 48-01.2-02.1, relating to procuring plans, drawings, and specifications from an architect or engineer, for equipment storage sheds construction.
- Adds a section to declare the \$6 million in the other funds line item in Section 1 for the swine facility renovation
 to be an emergency measure.

¹ Funding of \$1,258,543 from the general fund and \$429,598 from local funds is added to restore a portion of the funding removed by the Senate for base budget reductions.

² Funding of \$1 million from local funds is added for research equipment.

³ One-time funding of \$500,000 is added from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for deferred maintenance projects.