



North Dakota Legislative Council

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MAJOR RELATED LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER AS OF CROSSOVER

This memorandum provides information on major related legislation affecting the Agriculture Commissioner as of Crossover:

House Bill No. 1143 - This bill appropriates \$5 million of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to the Agriculture Commissioner for a food distribution facility grant program. Grant funds may be used only for costs related to the construction of a statewide charitable food distribution and logistics facility. The bill requires grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds for every \$1 provided by the state.

House Bill No. 1235 - This bill requires road and bridge projects under the agriculture infrastructure grant program to be awarded to counties, townships, or cities with a population of 1,500 residents or less.

House Bill No. 1332 - This bill provides a \$30 million line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota to the agriculture diversification and development fund, which is provided to the Agriculture Commissioner based on a continuing appropriation, for a value-added agriculture facility incentive program. The line of credit may be accessed through June 30, 2029.

House Bill No. 1531 - This bill appropriates \$75,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for contracting with a consultant to study the potential benefits of expanding irrigation throughout the state.

House Bill No. 1591 - This bill appropriates \$3 million of one-time funding from the general fund for grants to county agriculture fair associations for the planning, design, and construction of infrastructure projects. The bill requires grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds for every \$1 provided by the state.

Senate Bill No. 2274 - This bill provides statutory authority for the Agriculture Commissioner to administer the farm management program currently administered by the Department of Career and Technical Education and appropriates \$1,900,000 of ongoing funding from the general fund to the Agriculture Commissioner for the program. The Senate removed the entire \$1,706,138 general fund appropriation from the Department of Career and Technical Education base budget for the program in Senate Bill No. 2019 (2025).

Senate Bill No. 2327 - This bill provides for a transfer of \$15 million from the general fund to the agriculture diversification and development fund and allows the agriculture diversification and development committee to use up to 5 percent of funds available for administrative expenses. Of the \$15 million, up to \$10 million is available for agriculture infrastructure grants to political subdivisions.

Senate Bill No. 2333 - This bill creates a low-carbon fuels fund, provides a continuing appropriation from the fund, transfers any balance in the ethanol production incentive fund to the new fund, and adjusts transfers from the highway tax distribution fund. The purpose of the fund is to distribute low-carbon fuels incentives to ethanol production facilities and to contract with an entity to develop a carbon intensity verification process.

Senate Bill No. 2342 - This bill provides a \$10 million line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota to the agriculture diversification and development fund, which is provided to the Agriculture Commissioner based on a continuing appropriation, for a value-added milk processing facility incentive program.

Senate Bill No. 2368 - This bill establishes the existing grasslands grazing grant program as a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, which provides grants to organizations representing cooperative grazing associations in the state. The organizations must provide \$1 of matching funds for every \$4 of grant funding. This 2023 Legislative Assembly provided \$1 million from SIIF for the program for the 2023-25 biennium. As approved by the House, House Bill No. 1009 (2025) includes \$3 million from SIIF for the program for the 2025-27 biennium.