

SENATE BILL NO. 2338

Introduced by

Senators Tomac, Krauter

Representatives Metcalf, Schmidt

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-05.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the state board of agricultural research; and to provide an appropriation for the pride
3 of dakota program, developing standards for wheat quality, monitoring agricultural production
4 standards, research, and the promotion of agricultural products.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-19 of the 1997 Supplement to the North
7 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **4-05.1-19. State board of agricultural research - Duties.** Within the policies of the
9 state board of higher education, the state board of agricultural research is responsible for the
10 budgeting, supervision, and policymaking responsibilities associated with the supervision of the
11 agricultural experiment station. The agricultural research board shall:

- 12 1. Determine the causes of any adverse economic impacts on crops and livestock
13 produced in this state;
- 14 2. Develop ongoing strategies for the provision of research solutions to negate
15 adverse economic impacts on crops and livestock produced in this state;
- 16 3. Make available financial resources, including grants and salaries, and make
17 available equipment and facilities to implement the strategies developed under
18 subsection 2, subject to approval by the state board of higher education;
- 19 4. Develop an annual budget for the operation of the agricultural experiment station;
- 20 5. Develop a biennial budget request and submit that request to the state board of
21 higher education on or before March first of each even-numbered year;
- 22 6. Maximize the use of existing financial resources, equipment, and facilities to
23 generate the greatest economic benefit from research efforts and to promote
24 efficiency;

- 1 7. Annually evaluate the results of research activities and expenditures and report the
2 findings to the legislative council and the state board of higher education;
- 3 8. Annually evaluate the progress toward investing a sum equal to two percent of
4 gross farm income in research and extension and report the findings to the
5 legislative council and the state board of higher education;
- 6 9. Advise the administration of North Dakota state university regarding the
7 recruitment and selection of the vice president of agricultural affairs and the station
8 director; and
- 9 9- 10. Advise the director of the extension service regarding the dissemination of
10 research information and the best practices for management of the extension
11 service.

12 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
13 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so
14 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of
15 developing, through the pride of dakota program, a recognized family of brands, and for the
16 purposes of undertaking, through the pride of dakota program, joint marketing for multiple
17 brands, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

18 **SECTION 3. STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION - WHEAT PRODUCT**
19 **STANDARDS - APPROPRIATION.** The North Dakota mill and elevator association shall
20 allocate \$25,000 from its accumulated and undivided profits, and this amount is hereby
21 appropriated to the association for the purpose of developing internationally recognized
22 standards of product quality and processing excellence for wheat.

23 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
24 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so
25 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of
26 promoting the cooperation of certifying agencies and developing agencies and developing
27 systems for monitoring standards, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending
28 June 30, 2001.

29 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
30 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,365,000, or so
31 much of the sum as may be necessary, to North Dakota state university for the purpose of

1 researching emerging diseases of plants and animals, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999,
2 and ending June 30, 2001.

3 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
4 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,465,000, or so
5 much of the sum as may be necessary, to North Dakota state university for the purpose of
6 conducting research to make North Dakota agricultural products synonymous with high quality,
7 and dominate the premium markets, and achieve the goal of investing two percent of gross
8 farm income in agricultural research and development, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999,
9 and ending June 30, 2001.

10 **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
11 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$75,000, or so
12 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agricultural products utilization commission for
13 the purpose of identifying and quantifying areas of greatest product advantage for North Dakota
14 agricultural products, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

15 **SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
16 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, or so
17 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agricultural products utilization commission for
18 the purpose of strengthening and expanding cooperative technical assistance to agricultural
19 producers, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

20 **SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the legislative assembly to
21 increase financial support for agricultural research and extension to an amount equivalent to
22 two percent of gross farm income in this state and to gradually move to the goal beginning
23 July 1, 1999, and to achieve the goal during the biennium ending June 30, 2009.