

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1609-1618 of the House Journal and pages 1381-1390 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1020 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the first semicolon insert "to amend and reenact sections 4-05.1-05, 4-08-10, 57-39.5-02, and 57-43.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to North Dakota state university main research center full-time equivalent positions, North Dakota state university extension service full-time equivalent positions, the transfer of revenue from the farm machinery gross receipts tax, and fuel tax refunds; to authorize the Langdon research extension center to purchase certain land in Cavalier County;"

Page 1, line 3, after "report" insert "to the legislative assembly, the budget section, and the appropriations committees"

Page 1, line 4, remove "and"

Page 1, line 4, replace "an exemption" with "for exemptions; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, remove lines 20 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 and 2 with:

"Extension service	\$48,867,985	\$5,534,111	\$54,402,096
Soil conservation committee	1,137,800	75,000	1,212,800
Accrued leave payments	<u>1,716,289</u>	<u>(1,716,289)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$51,722,074	\$3,892,822	\$55,614,896
Less estimated income	<u>23,897,809</u>	<u>1,928,899</u>	<u>25,826,708</u>
Total general fund	\$27,824,265	\$1,963,923	\$29,788,188
Full-time equivalent positions	258.26	5.65	263.91"

Page 2, replace lines 7 through 11 with:

"Northern crops institute	\$3,719,827	\$130,066	\$3,849,893
Accrued leave payments	<u>42,195</u>	<u>(42,195)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$3,762,022	\$87,871	\$3,849,893
Less estimated income	<u>1,797,161</u>	<u>(49,426)</u>	<u>1,747,735</u>
Total general fund	\$1,964,861	\$137,297	\$2,102,158"

Page 2, replace lines 17 through 22 with:

"Upper great plains transportation institute	\$25,038,160	(\$2,015,404)	\$23,022,756
Accrued leave payments	<u>241,627</u>	<u>(241,627)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$25,279,787	(\$2,257,031)	\$23,022,756
Less estimated income	<u>22,452,963</u>	<u>(4,277,306)</u>	<u>18,175,657</u>
Total general fund	\$2,826,824	\$2,020,275	\$4,847,099"

Page 2, remove lines 28 through 30

Page 3, replace lines 1 through 3 with:

"Main research center	\$102,691,843	\$34,474,294	\$137,166,137
Accrued leave payments	<u>2,561,394</u>	<u>(2,561,394)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$105,253,237	\$31,912,900	\$137,166,137
Less estimated income	<u>53,053,716</u>	<u>25,044,809</u>	<u>78,098,525</u>
Total general fund	\$52,199,521	\$6,868,091	\$59,067,612
Full-time equivalent positions	351.49	2.36	353.85"

Page 3, replace lines 8 through 18 with:

"Dickinson research center	\$6,116,621	\$1,241,540	\$7,358,161
Central grasslands research center	3,229,867	452,700	3,682,567
Hettinger research center	4,661,729	589,459	5,251,188
Langdon research center	2,832,495	344,621	3,177,116
North central research center	4,582,677	604,264	5,186,941
Williston research center	3,766,986	1,707,104	5,474,090
Carrington research center	7,892,494	1,693,020	9,585,514
Accrued leave payments	<u>503,916</u>	<u>(503,916)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$33,586,785	\$6,128,792	\$39,715,577
Less estimated income	<u>16,001,083</u>	<u>3,816,047</u>	<u>19,817,130</u>
Total general fund	\$17,585,702	\$2,312,745	\$19,898,447"

Page 3, replace lines 24 through 26 with:

"Agronomy seed farm	\$1,466,018	\$54,989	\$1,521,007
Accrued leave payments	<u>5,741</u>	<u>(5,741)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total special funds	\$1,471,759	\$49,248	\$1,521,007"

Page 4, replace lines 1 through 3 with:

"Grand total general fund	\$102,401,173	\$13,477,331	\$115,878,504
Grand total special funds	<u>118,674,491</u>	<u>26,687,271</u>	<u>145,361,762</u>
Grand total all funds	\$221,075,664	\$40,164,602	\$261,240,266"

Page 4, replace line 9 with:

"Agronomy laboratories		\$5,925,000	\$150,000"
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Page 4, replace lines 16 through 20 with:

"Upper great plains transportation institute road study		0	750,000
Junior master gardener program		25,000	12,500
Rural leadership project		0	150,000
Dust issues technical support		0	100,000
Seed cleaning plants		0	4,500,000
Veterinary diagnostics laboratory		0	18,000,000
Flooded lands study		<u>82,000</u>	<u>72,500</u>
Total all funds		\$9,792,000	\$23,735,000
Total other funds		<u>950,000</u>	<u>21,150,000</u>
Total general fund		\$8,842,000	\$2,585,000"

Page 5, after line 2, insert:

"SECTION 4. ACQUISITION OF LAND AUTHORIZED. The state of North Dakota, by and through the state board of agricultural research and education, may acquire certain real property in Cavalier County to be used for the purposes of the Langdon research extension center on the terms and for a price as approved by the

board, but not to exceed \$350,000 nor the appraised value of the property. The board may purchase the northeast ¼ of section 19 of township 161 north, range 59 west.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - LANGDON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$175,000, and from special funds, the sum of \$175,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the Langdon research extension center for the purpose of purchasing the real property described in section 4 of this Act, for the period beginning with the effective date of this section, and ending June 30, 2017. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 6. MAIN RESEARCH CENTER - VETERINARY DIAGNOSTICS LABORATORY - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The main research center line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act includes \$18,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the veterinary diagnostics laboratory project.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-05. North Dakota state university main research center position adjustments - Budget section report.

The North Dakota state university main research center must be located on the campus of North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science. The center is the administrative location of the agricultural experiment station. The center shall conduct research and coordinate all research activities of the agricultural experiment station. The research must have, as a purpose, the development and dissemination of technology important to the production and utilization of food, feed, fiber, and fuel from crop and livestock enterprises. The research must provide for an enhancement of the quality of life, sustainability of production, and protection of the environment. Subject to the availability of funds, the station director may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions in order to carry out activities to accomplish the mission of the agricultural experiment station. All full or partial positions must be separate from North Dakota state university. Annually, the station director shall report to the office of management and budget and to the budget section any adjustments or increases made pursuant to this section. The center may conduct baseline research, including production and processing in conjunction with the research and extension centers of the state, regarding industrial hemp and other alternative industrial use crops. The center may collect feral hemp seed stock and develop appropriate adapted strains of industrial hemp which contain less than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol in the dried flowering tops. The agriculture commissioner shall monitor the collection of feral hemp seed stock and industrial hemp strain development and shall certify appropriate stocks for licensed commercial cultivation.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 4-08-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-08-10. Extension agent to submit monthly account of expenditures - Position adjustments - Budget section report.

The extension agent shall submit monthly an accurate itemized account of all expenditures incurred by the agent in the regular conduct of duties to the North Dakota

state university extension service for examination and audit. When charges are made by an extension agent for money expended in the performance of official duties, all items of one dollar or more expended and charged for must be covered by a subvoucher or receipt that must be signed by the person to whom the money was paid. The subvoucher or receipt must show at what place, on what date, and for what the money expended was paid. The extension agent shall forward the subvouchers or receipts with the bill, claim, account, or demand against the county. When charges are made for transportation expenses, they may not exceed the amounts provided by section 11-10-15, and must be in itemized form showing the mileage traveled, the days when and how traveled, and the purpose thereof, verified by affidavit. The account must be transmitted and recommended for payment by the North Dakota state university extension service which shall audit the same and which may approve or disallow any expense item therein. The state board of agricultural research and education and the president of North Dakota state university shall control and administer the North Dakota state university extension service subject to the supervision of the state board of higher education. Funds appropriated to the North Dakota state university extension service may not be commingled with funds appropriated to North Dakota state university. An appropriation request to defray expenses of the North Dakota state university extension service must be separate from an appropriation request to defray expenses of North Dakota state university. Subject to the availability of funds, the director of the North Dakota state university extension service may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions in order to carry out activities to accomplish the mission of the extension service. All full- or part-time positions must be separate from North Dakota state university. Annually, the director of the North Dakota state university extension service shall report to the office of management and budget and to the budget section any adjustments or increases made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 57-39.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-39.5-02. Imposition - Transfer of funds - Exemptions.

There is imposed a tax of three percent upon the gross receipts of retailers from all sales at retail, including the leasing or renting, of farm machinery or irrigation equipment used exclusively for agricultural purposes. After July first of each year, five hundred thousand dollars of taxes collected under this chapter must be transferred to the state treasurer who shall deposit the moneys in the agricultural research fund.

Gross receipts from sales at retail of farm machinery or irrigation equipment are exempted from the tax imposed by this chapter when the sale, lease, or rental is made to a purchaser or lessor who is entitled to a sales and use tax exemption under subsection 6 or 12 of section 57-39.2-04 on otherwise taxable sales at retail. There are specifically exempted from the tax imposed by this chapter the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of used farm machinery, farm machinery repair parts, used irrigation equipment, or irrigation equipment repair parts used exclusively for agricultural purposes. For purposes of this section, "used" means:

1. Tax under this chapter or chapter 57-39.2 or 57-40.2 has been paid on a previous sale;
2. Tax under section 57-39.5-06 has been paid under a previous lease;
3. Originally purchased outside this state and previously owned by a farmer;
or

4. Has been under rental for three years or more.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 57-43.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-43.1-03.1. Refund of tax for fuel used for agricultural purposes--
Reductions.**

Any consumer who buys or uses any motor vehicle fuel for an agricultural purpose on which the motor vehicle fuel tax has been paid may file a claim with the commissioner for a refund under this chapter. ~~The amount of the tax refund under this section must be reduced by seven cents per gallon [3.79 liters] except for those fuels used in aircraft or with respect to refunds claimed by aircraft fuel users. The amount per gallon [3.79 liters] withheld from the refund must be deposited in the agricultural research fund."~~

Page 5, line 4, remove "- REPORT"

Page 5, after line 13, insert:

"SECTION 13. MAIN RESEARCH CENTER - NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE - FTE POSITIONS - REPORT. The main research center and the North Dakota state university extension service shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly on full-time equivalent positions added pursuant to sections 4-05.1-05 and 4-08-10 of the North Dakota Century Code and section 15 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017."

Page 5, after line 18, insert:

"SECTION 15. FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS. The board of higher education may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities in section 1 of this Act. 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 16. MAIN RESEARCH CENTER - FLOODED LANDS STUDY - BUDGET SECTION REPORT. The main research center shall report to the budget section of the legislative management regarding the status of the flooded lands study and spending related to the study, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017."

Page 5, line 19, after "STUDY" insert "- UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE UNDER DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION"

Page 6, line 1, remove "Excluding \$400,000 provided from the general fund for the"

Page 6, line 2, replace "central grasslands research center agronomy laboratory, all other" with "The"

Page 6, after line 11, insert:

"SECTION 21. EMERGENCY. The appropriation for capital projects of \$22,650,000 in subdivision 4 of section 1 and sections 4 and 5 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1020 - Summary of Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Transportation Institute						
Total all funds	\$25,279,787	\$22,772,669	\$250,087	\$23,022,756	\$23,522,756	(\$500,000)
Less estimated income	22,452,963	18,209,804	(34,147)	18,175,657	18,175,657	0
General fund	\$2,826,824	\$4,562,865	\$284,234	\$4,847,099	\$5,347,099	(\$500,000)
Branch Research Centers						
Total all funds	\$33,586,785	\$39,253,428	\$812,149	\$40,065,577	\$40,065,577	\$0
Less estimated income	16,001,083	19,818,755	173,375	19,992,130	19,992,130	0
General fund	\$17,585,702	\$19,434,673	\$638,774	\$20,073,447	\$20,073,447	\$0
NDSU Extension Service						
Total all funds	\$51,722,074	\$55,531,024	\$83,872	\$55,614,896	\$56,150,368	(\$535,472)
Less estimated income	23,897,809	25,933,838	(107,130)	25,826,708	25,826,708	0
General fund	\$27,824,265	\$29,597,186	\$191,002	\$29,788,188	\$30,323,660	(\$535,472)
Northern Crops Institute						
Total all funds	\$3,762,022	\$3,858,927	(\$9,034)	\$3,849,893	\$3,849,893	\$0
Less estimated income	1,797,161	1,746,735	1,000	1,747,735	1,747,735	0
General fund	\$1,964,861	\$2,112,192	(\$10,034)	\$2,102,158	\$2,102,158	\$0
Main Research Center						
Total all funds	\$105,253,237	\$113,918,205	\$23,247,932	\$137,166,137	\$136,325,637	\$840,500
Less estimated income	53,053,716	56,988,959	21,109,566	78,098,525	57,098,525	21,000,000
General fund	\$52,199,521	\$56,929,246	\$2,138,366	\$59,067,612	\$79,227,112	(\$20,159,500)
Agronomy Seed Farm						
Total all funds	\$1,471,759	\$1,523,264	(\$2,257)	\$1,521,007	\$1,521,007	\$0
Less estimated income	1,471,759	1,523,264	(2,257)	1,521,007	1,521,007	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$221,075,664	\$236,857,517	\$24,382,749	\$261,240,266	\$261,435,238	(\$194,972)
Less estimated income	118,674,491	124,221,355	21,140,407	145,361,762	124,361,762	21,000,000
General fund	\$102,401,173	\$112,636,162	\$3,242,342	\$115,878,504	\$137,073,476	(\$21,194,972)

House Bill No. 1020 - Transportation Institute - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Upper great plains trans. institute	\$25,038,160	\$22,772,669	\$250,087	\$23,022,756	\$23,522,756	(\$500,000)
Accrued leave payments	241,627					
Total all funds	\$25,279,787	\$22,772,669	\$250,087	\$23,022,756	\$23,522,756	(\$500,000)
Less estimated income	22,452,963	18,209,804	(34,147)	18,175,657	18,175,657	0
General fund	\$2,826,824	\$4,562,865	\$284,234	\$4,847,099	\$5,347,099	(\$500,000)
FTE	53.75	54.98	0.00	54.98	54.98	0.00

Department No. 627 - Transportation Institute - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Adds Funding for Road and Bridge Asset System ²	Reduces One-Time Funding to Continue the Road Study ³	Total Conference Committee Changes
Upper great plains trans. institute	(\$42,913)	\$793,000	(\$500,000)	\$250,087
Accrued leave payments				

Total all funds	(\$42,913)	\$793,000	(\$500,000)	\$250,087
Less estimated income	(34,147)	0	0	(34,147)
General fund	(\$8,766)	\$793,000	(\$500,000)	\$284,234
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

² Funding of \$793,000 from the general fund is added for a road and bridge asset management system, the same as the Senate version.

³ One-time funding from the general fund for the statewide road study is reduced by \$500,000 to provide a total of \$750,000. This is a \$500,000 reduction from the House and Senate versions.

This amendment also adds a section to authorize the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute and report any adjustments to the Office of Management and Budget, the same as the Senate version.

House Bill No. 1020 - Branch Research Centers - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Dickinson research center	\$6,116,621	\$7,345,566	\$12,595	\$7,358,161	\$7,358,161	
Central grasslands research center	3,229,867	3,541,123	141,444	3,682,567	3,682,567	
Hettinger research center	4,661,729	5,237,855	13,333	5,251,188	5,251,188	
Langdon research center	2,832,495	3,034,116	143,000	3,177,116	3,177,116	
North central research center	4,582,677	5,170,497	16,444	5,186,941	5,186,941	
Williston research center	3,766,986	5,338,868	135,222	5,474,090	5,474,090	
Carrington research center	7,892,494	9,585,403	111	9,585,514	9,585,514	
Accrued leave payments	503,916					
Langdon research center - Land purchase			350,000	350,000	350,000	
Total all funds	\$33,586,785	\$39,253,428	\$812,149	\$40,065,577	\$40,065,577	\$0
Less estimated income	16,001,083	19,818,755	173,375	19,992,130	19,992,130	0
General fund	\$17,585,702	\$19,434,673	\$638,774	\$20,073,447	\$20,073,447	\$0
FTE	107.04	113.94	0.00	113.94	113.94	0.00

Department No. 628 - Branch Research Centers - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Increases Funding for Equipment ²	Adjusts Base Level Funding for Equipment ³	Adds Funding for Land Purchase ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Dickinson research center	(\$12,405)	\$150,000	(\$125,000)		\$12,595
Central grasslands research center	(8,556)	25,000	125,000		141,444
Hettinger research center	(11,667)	150,000	(125,000)		13,333
Langdon research center	(7,000)	25,000	125,000		143,000
North central research center	(8,556)	150,000	(125,000)		16,444
Williston research center	(14,778)	25,000	125,000		135,222
Carrington research center	(24,889)	25,000			111
Accrued leave payments					
Langdon research center - Land purchase				350,000	350,000
Total all funds	(\$87,851)	\$550,000	\$0	\$350,000	\$812,149
Less estimated income	(1,625)	0	0	175,000	173,375

General fund	(\$86,226)	\$550,000	\$0	\$175,000	\$638,774
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

² Funding for equipment over \$5,000 is increased by \$550,000 from the general fund to provide a total of \$1,050,000 from the general fund, the same as the Senate version. This provides for \$150,000 per branch research center per biennium.

³ Base level funding for equipment is adjusted among the branch research centers, the same as the Senate version.

⁴ One-time funding of \$175,000 from the general fund and \$175,000 from other funds is added for the purchase of real property in Cavalier County, the same as the Senate version.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to authorize the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the branch research centers and report any adjustments to the Office of Management and Budget, the same as the Senate version.
- Adds sections to authorize the Langdon Research Extension Center to purchase land in Cavalier County, to provide an appropriation of \$350,000, of which \$175,000 is from the general fund for the purchase of land, and to provide an emergency clause for the funding, the same as the Senate version.

House Bill No. 1020 - NDSU Extension Service - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Extension service	\$48,867,985	\$54,393,224	\$8,872	\$54,402,096	\$54,937,568	(\$535,472)
Soil conservation committee	1,137,800	1,137,800	75,000	1,212,800	1,212,800	
Accrued leave payments	1,716,289					
Total all funds	\$51,722,074	\$55,531,024	\$83,872	\$55,614,896	\$56,150,368	(\$535,472)
Less estimated income	23,897,809	25,933,838	(107,130)	25,826,708	25,826,708	0
General fund	\$27,824,265	\$29,597,186	\$191,002	\$29,788,188	\$30,323,660	(\$535,472)
FTE	258.26	262.91	1.00	263.91	265.91	(2.00)

Department No. 630 - NDSU Extension Service - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Adds Funding for New FTE Position ²	Increases Funding for Soil Conservation District Grants ³	Reduces One-Time Funding for Junior Gardener Program ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Extension service	(\$226,600)	\$247,972		(\$12,500)	\$8,872
Soil conservation committee			75,000		75,000
Accrued leave payments					
Total all funds	(\$226,600)	\$247,972	\$75,000	(\$12,500)	\$83,872
Less estimated income	(107,130)	0	0	0	(107,130)
General fund	(\$119,470)	\$247,972	\$75,000	(\$12,500)	\$191,002
FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

² Funding of \$247,972 is added from the general fund for 1 area livestock specialist FTE position. The Senate version also included \$547,972 from the general fund for 1 community vitality specialist FTE position and 1 rural leadership FTE position.

³ Funding of \$75,000 from the general fund is added to increase soil conservation district grants, the same as the Senate version.

⁴ One-time funding from the general fund for the Burleigh County Extension Service Junior Master Gardener's program for salaries and other operating expenses relating to two internships during the summers of 2015 and 2016 is reduced from \$25,000 to \$12,500. The Senate version removed \$25,000.

This amendment also:

- Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 4-08-10 to authorize the Extension Director, upon the availability of funds, to adjust or increase FTE positions in order to carry out activities critical to the mission of the NDSU Extension Service, the same as the Senate version.
- Adds a section to require the NDSU Extension Service to provide a report to the Appropriations Committees of the 65th Legislative Assembly on FTE positions added pursuant to Section 4-08-10 or Section 15 of this Act. This section was not included in the House or Senate versions.

House Bill No. 1020 - Northern Crops Institute - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Northern crops institute	\$3,719,827	\$3,858,927	(\$9,034)	\$3,849,893	\$3,849,893	
Accrued leave payments	42,195					
Total all funds	\$3,762,022	\$3,858,927	(\$9,034)	\$3,849,893	\$3,849,893	\$0
Less estimated income	1,797,161	1,746,735	1,000	1,747,735	1,747,735	0
General fund	\$1,964,861	\$2,112,192	(\$10,034)	\$2,102,158	\$2,102,158	\$0
FTE	12.00	12.00	0.00	12.00	12.00	0.00

Department No. 638 - Northern Crops Institute - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Northern crops institute	(\$9,034)	(\$9,034)
Accrued leave payments		
Total all funds	(\$9,034)	(\$9,034)
Less estimated income	1,000	1,000
General fund	(\$10,034)	(\$10,034)
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

This amendment also adds a section to authorize the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the Northern Crops Institute and report any adjustments to the Office of Management and Budget, the same as the Senate version.

House Bill No. 1020 - Main Research Center - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Main research center	\$102,691,843	\$113,918,205	\$23,247,932	\$137,166,137	\$136,325,637	\$840,500
Accrued leave payments	2,561,394					
Total all funds	\$105,253,237	\$113,918,205	\$23,247,932	\$137,166,137	\$136,325,637	\$840,500
Less estimated income	53,053,716	56,988,959	21,109,566	78,098,525	57,098,525	21,000,000
General fund	\$52,199,521	\$56,929,246	\$2,138,366	\$59,067,612	\$79,227,112	(\$20,159,500)
FTE	351.49	355.85	(2.00)	353.85	353.85	0.00

Department No. 640 - Main Research Center - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Removes New Precision Agriculture FTE Positions ²	Adds Funding for Precision Agriculture Operations and Grants ³	Adds Funding for Equipment ⁴	Adds One-Time Funding for Capital Projects ⁵	Adds One-Time Funding for Flooded Lands Study ⁶
Main research center	(\$305,786)	(\$468,782)	\$600,000	\$550,000	\$22,650,000	\$72,500
Accrued leave payments						
Total all funds	(\$305,786)	(\$468,782)	\$600,000	\$550,000	\$22,650,000	\$72,500
Less estimated income	(40,434)	0	0	0	21,150,000	0
General fund	(\$265,352)	(\$468,782)	\$600,000	\$550,000	\$1,500,000	\$72,500
FTE	0.00	(2.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for Rural Leadership ⁷	Total Conference Committee Changes
Main research center	\$150,000	\$23,247,932
Accrued leave payments		
Total all funds	\$150,000	\$23,247,932
Less estimated income	0	21,109,566
General fund	\$150,000	\$2,138,366
FTE	0.00	(2.00)

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

² Funding from the general fund for 2 new FTE positions is removed as follows, the same as the Senate version:

	FTE	Salaries and Benefits	Operating Expenses	Total
Precision agriculture scientist	(1.00)	(\$234,072)	(\$50,000)	(\$284,072)
Precision agriculture technician	(1.00)	(134,710)	(50,000)	(184,710)
Total	(2.00)	(\$368,782)	(\$100,000)	(\$468,782)

³ Funding of \$600,000 from the general fund is added for precision agriculture operating expenses and grants, the same as the Senate version.

⁴ Funding of \$550,000 from the general fund is added for equipment, the same as the Senate version.

⁵ One-time funding is provided for capital projects as shown below. The \$18 million for the veterinary diagnostics laboratory is from the strategic investment and improvements fund.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Veterinary diagnostics laboratory		\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000
Central Grasslands Research Center agronomy laboratory		150,000	150,000
Seed cleaning plants	1,500,000	3,000,000	4,500,000
Total	\$1,500,000	\$21,150,000	\$22,650,000

⁶ One-time funding of \$72,500 from the general fund is added to continue the flooded lands study relating to the recovery of grasslands affected by the Souris River flooding. The Senate version included \$82,000 for the flooded lands study.

⁷ One-time funding of \$150,000 from the general fund is added to support the development of a collaborative leadership project for the purpose of marketing and fund raising for leadership projects and may include an annual leadership summit. The Senate version included \$300,000 and 1 rural leadership FTE position in the NDSU Extension Service budget.

This amendment also:

- Amends Section 4-05.1-05 to authorize the station director, upon the availability of funds, to adjust or increase FTE positions in order to carry out activities critical to the mission of the Agriculture Experiment Station, the same as the Senate version.
- Amends Section 57-39.5-02 to provide for a transfer of \$500,000 per year to the agricultural research fund from the tax imposed upon the gross receipts of retailers from all sales of farm machinery or irrigation equipment used exclusively for agricultural purposes. The Senate version provided for a transfer of \$1 million per year.
- Amends Section 57-43.1-03.1 to remove the requirement that fuel tax refunds be reduced by 7 cents per gallon for deposit in the agricultural research fund, the same as the Senate version.
- Amends a section related to appropriations for the agronomy laboratories to allow for the carryover of \$400,000 provided from the general fund for the Central Grasslands Research Center agronomy laboratory by the 63rd Legislative Assembly, the same as the Senate version.
- Adds a section to require the Main Research Center to provide a report to the Appropriations Committees of the 65th Legislative Assembly on FTE positions added pursuant to Section 4-05.1-05 or Section 15 of this Act. This section was not included in the House or Senate versions.
- Adds a section to require the Main Research Center to provide a report to the Budget Section on funding used for the flooded lands study relating to the recovery of grasslands affected by Souris River flooding.
- Adds a section to provide \$22,650,000 appropriated to the Main Research Center for capital projects and Sections 4 and 5 of the bill are emergency measures.
- Provides one-time funding of \$4.5 million, of which \$1.5 million is from the general fund, for seed cleaning plants at the North Central Research Center and the Carrington Research Center. The Senate version included \$2.6 million from the general fund for the seed cleaning plants.
- Adds a section to identify the \$18 million from other funds appropriated for the veterinary diagnostics laboratory project is from the strategic investment and improvements fund.
- Does not include \$800,000 from the general fund added by the Senate for graduate student staffing.
- Does not include one-time funding of \$400,000 from the general fund added by the Senate for greenhouse utilities.

House Bill No. 1020 - Agronomy Seed Farm - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Agronomy seed farm	\$1,466,018	\$1,523,264	(\$2,257)	\$1,521,007	\$1,521,007	
Accrued leave payments	5,741					
Total all funds	\$1,471,759	\$1,523,264	(\$2,257)	\$1,521,007	\$1,521,007	\$0
Less estimated income	1,471,759	1,523,264	(2,257)	1,521,007	1,521,007	0

General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00

Department No. 649 - Agronomy Seed Farm - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Agronomy seed farm	(\$2,257)	(\$2,257)
Accrued leave payments		
Total all funds	(\$2,257)	(\$2,257)
Less estimated income	(2,257)	(2,257)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

This amendment also adds a section to authorize the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the Agronomy Seed Farm and report any adjustments to the Office of Management and Budget, the same as the Senate version.