

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1276 - Funding Summary**

	Base Budget	Final Legislative Action	Comparison to Base Budget
Department of Agriculture			
Agriculture diversification		\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total			
Total all funds	\$0	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

**House Bill No. 1276 - Department of Agriculture - House Action**

This bill:

- Authorizes the Agriculture Commissioner to provide grants from the agriculture diversification and development fund, including grants to political subdivisions for infrastructure necessary for the development or expansion of a value-added agriculture facility;
- Requires the Agriculture Diversification and Development Committee to develop grant guidelines and to make grant recommendations. The committee is required to designate the amount available from the agriculture diversification and development fund for loans to be spent by the Bank of North Dakota and for grants to be spent by the Agriculture Commissioner; and
- Appropriates \$30 million of one-time funding from the general fund, which is transferred to the agriculture diversification and development fund. Of this amount, \$10 million is available for grants to political subdivisions. The Agriculture Commissioner is provided a continuing appropriation from the agriculture diversification and development fund to provide grants.

**House Bill No. 1276 - Department of Agriculture - Senate Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Agriculture diversification		\$30,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$25,000,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$30,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$25,000,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$30,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$25,000,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Reduces Funding for Grants <sup>1</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Agriculture diversification	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
Total all funds	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding for agriculture diversification and infrastructure grants is reduced from \$30 million to \$25 million.

This amendment also creates a statutory section and provides guidelines for the agriculture infrastructure grant program.

**House Bill No. 1276 - Department of Agriculture - House Action**

The House concurred with the Senate.