

Motion

Supporting Veterinary Education

WHEREAS citizens of the NWT have identified the need for services of qualified veterinarians with northern knowledge and cultural awareness for the care of all domesticated animals;

AND WHEREAS the public service of the Northwest Territories requires the services of veterinarians for the administration of its wildlife management responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS public consultations on amendments to the *Dog Act* have further emphasized both the scarcity of and increasing need for veterinary service providers;

AND WHEREAS the University of Saskatchewan reserves one seat each year in its Western College of Veterinary Medicine for a candidate from the three territories, and offers sponsorship of the seat at a reduced rate compared to provinces, in recognition of the special need to promote graduation of Northern veterinarians;

AND WHEREAS, in the past, the Government of the Northwest Territories has budgeted funds to pay the cost of sponsoring a placement for an NWT student in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, but has discontinued this funding;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to promoting and supporting the advanced education of its long-time residents and to pursuing opportunities to expand the range and quality of professional services available to NWT communities and the public service;

AND WHEREAS opportunities to promote the advancement of NWT candidates in veterinary medicine should be pursued aggressively;



Date of Notice: February 8, 2011

Moved by: Mr. Bromley

Date of Introduction:

Seconded by: Mr. Ramsay

Disposition:

Carried:

Ruled Out of Order:

AND WHEREAS, funding of \$25,000 per year in each of four programming years for a total of \$100,000 is required, but can readily be reallocated to other uses in years where candidates are not available for entry into the veterinary medicine program;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, that this Legislative Assembly recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment reinstate the policy of sponsoring a placement in the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

AND FURTHER, that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment fund that placement;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the reinstatement of this policy includes a requirement for return of service by the graduate practicing in the Northwest Territories or repaying funds expended on the sponsorship.