

(S.D.)- SD Lawmakers Sustain Veto On Final Day Of Session

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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - Gov. Dennis Daugaard has successfully blocked a measure that would have increased a fee imposed to fund South Dakota's inspection of commercial fertilizer.

The fee increase would have financed research into fertilizer, but Daugaard vetoed it and called it an unneeded tax.

An attempt to override the governor's veto failed on a vote of 22-13 in the Senate. That was two votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass a measure over a governor's objections.

Supporters argue the research is needed to avoid U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

The Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee also is meeting Monday to issue letters that direct state agencies on how to use money included in the state budget.