

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1158**

Introduced by

Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the State Water Commission)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-24.3-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the amount of bonds that may be issued to finance the southwest pipeline project.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-24.3-01 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **61-24.3-01. Legislative findings and intent.** The legislative assembly finds that  
7 adequate water supplies for municipal, domestic, livestock, rural, irrigation, industrial, and other  
8 uses are essential for the social stability and economic security of the people of the state of  
9 North Dakota. It is further found that the development and utilization of the water resources of  
10 this state are necessary for the protection of health, property, and enterprise, and for the  
11 promotion of prosperity and general welfare of the people of the state of North Dakota, and that  
12 such development and utilization of water resources in this state involves, necessitates, and  
13 requires the exercise of the sovereign powers of the state and concern a public purpose.  
14 Therefore, it is hereby declared necessary that the southwest pipeline project, as authorized  
15 and approved pursuant to this chapter, be established and constructed, to provide for the  
16 supplementation of the water resources of a portion of the area of North Dakota south and west  
17 of the Missouri River with water supplies from the Missouri River for multiple purposes,  
18 including domestic, rural, and municipal uses. In furtherance of this public purpose, the state  
19 water commission may provide for the issuance of bonds not to exceed ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five  
20 million dollars in accordance with chapter 61-02 to finance the cost of the project. The  
21 provisions of this chapter may not be construed to, in any manner, abrogate or limit the rights,  
22 powers, duties, or functions of the state water commission or the state engineer, but are  
23 supplementary thereto. Nor may this chapter be construed as limiting or in any way affecting

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- 1 the laws of this state relating to the organization or operation of irrigation districts, water
- 2 resource districts, or other political subdivisions.