

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1577 - Department of Environmental Quality - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Wastewater infrastructure grants		\$25,000,000	(\$15,300,000)	\$9,700,000	\$9,700,000	
Total all funds	\$0	\$25,000,000	(\$15,300,000)	\$9,700,000	\$9,700,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	25,000,000	(15,300,000)	9,700,000	9,700,000	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 303 - Department of Environmental Quality - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	Adjusts Funding for Grants <sup>1</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
Wastewater infrastructure grants	(\$15,300,000)	(\$15,300,000)
Total all funds	(\$15,300,000)	(\$15,300,000)
Less estimated income	(15,300,000)	(15,300,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> One-time funding is adjusted for wastewater infrastructure grants to provide a total of \$9.7 million from a Bank of North Dakota line of credit. The House appropriated \$25 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF). The Department of Environmental Quality is required to provide grants of \$7.8 million and \$1.9 million to entities with eligible wastewater infrastructure projects. If an entity awarded funding for a wastewater infrastructure project receives federal funding for the same project, the entity is required to remit the federal funding to the Department of Environmental Quality for the repayment of the line of credit.

**House Bill No. 1577 - Other Changes - Conference Committee Action**

This amendment also:

- Amends a section requiring the Department of Environmental Quality to prioritize wastewater infrastructure projects that were previously but are no longer eligible for federal funds.
- Adds section to provide for a Legislative Management study related to the establishment of a wastewater project fund.
- Adds a section declaring the bill an emergency measure.