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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1415

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state water commission; to provide legislative intent; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$30,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and out of any moneys in the state disaster relief fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$30,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state water commission for the purpose of providing funding for flood protection projects within city limits of Fargo for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2017. The city of Fargo must apply for flood protection project funding, but the state water commission may not deny an application unless the funds are not intended to be used in accordance with provisions of this section. The city of Fargo may use the funds for costs directly associated with completion of interior flood protection projects within its city limits, including engineering and legal fees, right of way acquisition costs, land purchases, home buyouts, and construction costs. Funds may not be used for general operations or administrative costs.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FARGO INTERIOR FLOOD PROTECTION. It is the intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that a total of \$120,000,000 be provided by the state for flood protection projects within the city limits of Fargo during the 2015-17 and 2017-19 bienniums.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION. The funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds must be continued into the 2017-19 or subsequent bienniums and may be spent only for flood protection projects within city limits of Fargo.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment provides an appropriation of \$60 million, \$30 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund and \$30 million from the state disaster relief fund to the State Water Commission for providing funding for flood protection projects within city limits of Fargo.