

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1415**

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Beadle, Belter, Kasper, Porter, Thoreson

Senators Casper, Davison, Flakoll

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state water commission; to provide
2 legislative intent; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic
5 investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
6 \$30,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and out of any moneys in the state
7 disaster relief fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$30,000,000, or
8 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state water commission for the purpose of
9 providing funding for flood protection projects within city limits of Fargo for the period beginning
10 with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2017. The city of Fargo must apply for
11 flood protection project funding, but the state water commission may not deny an application
12 unless the funds are not intended to be used in accordance with provisions of this section. The
13 city of Fargo may use the funds for costs directly associated with completion of interior flood
14 protection projects within its city limits, including engineering and legal fees, right of way
15 acquisition costs, land purchases, home buyouts, and construction costs. Funds may not be
16 used for general operations or administrative costs.

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

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

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