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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1557**

Introduced by

Representative Schatz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of water resources for legal fee  
2 reimbursement grants.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - LEGAL FEE**  
5 **REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys  
6 in the state water commissioner fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum  
7 of \$221,993, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of water resources  
8 for the purpose of providing grants to reimburse residents for legal fees associated with  
9 watershed lawsuits heard by the North Dakota supreme court, for the biennium beginning  
10 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.