



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 37

Introduced by: The Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

1 **An Act to make appropriations for water and environmental purposes and to declare**
 2 **an emergency.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$750,000 in other fund expenditure authority, from the
 5 South Dakota water and environment fund, to the Board of Water and Natural Resources,
 6 for the purpose of providing a grant to local project sponsors for a feasibility-level study,
 7 system startup, and administration of the Dakota Mainstem regional water system study.

8 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
 9 Water and Natural Resources.

10 **Section 2.** There is appropriated \$500,000, in other fund expenditure authority, from the
 11 South Dakota water and environment fund, to the Board of Water and Natural Resources,
 12 for the purpose of providing a grant to the Department of Agriculture and Natural
 13 Resources for hydrology and water management studies to assess, model, and quantify
 14 the state's surface water and groundwater resources. The activities to be funded include
 15 the development of a publicly accessible high-resolution map to delineate wetlands
 16 throughout the state.

17 Notwithstanding § 46A-1-61, the board may provide the grant for up to one hundred
 18 percent of the nonfederal share of expenditures for hydrology and water management
 19 studies.

20 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
 21 Water and Natural Resources.

22 **Section 3.** There is appropriated \$175,000, in other fund expenditure authority, from the
 23 South Dakota water and environment fund, to the Board of Water and Natural Resources,

1 for the purpose of providing a grant to local project sponsors for the feasibility-level study
2 update of the Big Sioux River flood control study of Watertown and its vicinity, to be
3 completed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

4 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
5 Water and Natural Resources.

6 **Section 4.** There is appropriated \$2,000,000, in other fund expenditure authority, from
7 the South Dakota water and environment fund, to the Board of Water and Natural
8 Resources, for the purpose of providing a grant to local project sponsors for the
9 engineering design, preconstruction activities, and construction of the facilities included in
10 the water investment in northern South Dakota project.

11 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
12 Water and Natural Resources.

13 **Section 5.** There is appropriated \$11,400,000, in other fund expenditure authority, from
14 the South Dakota water and environment fund, to the Board of Water and Natural
15 Resources, for the purpose of providing grants and loans to project sponsors under the
16 state consolidated water facilities construction program, established pursuant to § 46A-1-
17 63.1.

18 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
19 Water and Natural Resources.

20 **Section 6.** There is appropriated \$3,400,000, in other fund expenditure authority, from
21 the South Dakota water and environment fund, to the Board of Water and Natural
22 Resources, for the purpose of providing grants and loans to project sponsors under the
23 state solid waste management program, established pursuant to § 46A-1-83.

24 The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources may use up to \$250,000 of the
25 funds appropriated in this section to contract for the statewide cleanup of waste tires and
26 solid waste. Notwithstanding § 46A-1-61, the board may provide the grant for up to one
27 hundred percent of the nonfederal share of the expenditures for statewide waste tires and
28 solid waste cleanup projects.

29 Moneys must be provided according to the terms and conditions established by the Board
30 of Water and Natural Resources.

1 **Section 7.** There is appropriated \$200,000 in other fund expenditure authority, from
2 administrative expense surcharge fees deposited in the state water pollution control
3 revolving fund program subfund, to the Board of Water and Natural Resources, for the
4 purpose of providing water quality grants under the state water pollution control revolving
5 fund program, established pursuant to § 46A-1-60.1.

6 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
7 Water and Natural Resources.

8 **Section 8.** There is appropriated \$400,000, in other fund expenditure authority, from
9 administrative expense surcharge fees deposited in the state water pollution control
10 revolving fund program subfund, to the Board of Water and Natural Resources, for the
11 purpose of contracting for the preparation of applications and the administration of clean
12 water state revolving fund loans under the state water pollution control revolving fund
13 program, established pursuant to § 46A-1-60.1.

14 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
15 Water and Natural Resources.

16 **Section 9.** There is appropriated \$400,000, in other fund expenditure authority, from
17 administrative expense surcharge fees deposited in the state drinking water revolving fund
18 program subfund, to the Board of Water and Natural Resources, for the purpose of
19 contracting for the preparation of applications and the administration of drinking water
20 state revolving fund loans under the state drinking water revolving fund program,
21 established pursuant to § 46A-1-60.1.

22 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
23 Water and Natural Resources.

24 **Section 10.** There is appropriated \$250,000, in federal fund expenditure authority, for
25 federal moneys deposited in the state drinking water revolving fund program subfund, to
26 the Board of Water and Natural Resources, for the purpose of providing small system
27 technical assistance and local assistance set-aside grants, or contracts, to eligible entities
28 under the state drinking water revolving fund program, established pursuant to § 46A-1-
29 60.1.

30 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
31 Water and Natural Resources.

1 **Section 11.** There is appropriated \$50,000, in federal fund expenditure authority, for
2 federal moneys deposited in the state water pollution control revolving fund program
3 subfund, to the Board of Water and Natural Resources, for the purpose of providing small
4 system technical assistance set-aside grants, or contracts, to eligible entities under the
5 state water pollution control revolving fund program, established pursuant to § 46A-1-
6 60.1.

7 Moneys must be provided according to terms and conditions established by the Board of
8 Water and Natural Resources.

9 **Section 12.** The secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall
10 approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures
11 authorized in this Act.

12 **Section 13.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
13 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

14 **Section 14.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and
15 its existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall
16 be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.