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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale and issuance of state  
1.3 bonds; appropriating money for the Shell Rock River Watershed District flood  
1.4 mitigation project.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$128,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of  
1.8 natural resources for a grant to the Shell Rock River Watershed District to alleviate  
1.9 flooding in the city of Albert Lea caused by excess water from blocked storm sewer  
1.10 facilities. To divert the water, the watershed district may reroute it by constructing  
1.11 settling ponds, restoring wetlands, using meadows and floodplain areas, and other types  
1.12 of filtration systems for publicly owned capital improvements. The city of Albert Lea  
1.13 may integrate park and trail components in these areas for environmental and historical  
1.14 education and create cultural and recreational opportunities.

1.15 The Shell Rock River Watershed District must provide matching funds in the  
1.16 amount of 50 percent of the total project costs.

1.17 Sec. 2. **BOND AUTHORIZATION.**

1.18 To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond proceeds fund, the  
1.19 commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to  
1.20 \$128,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota  
1.21 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,  
1.22 sections 4 to 7.

2.1 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 This act is effective the day following final enactment.