

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 154**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/17/2019	98	Introduction and first reading Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections
02/14/2019	354a 401	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance Author added Howe See First Special Session 2019, SF10, Art. 1, Sec. 13

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; reimbursing the legal costs of Wright, Becker, and

1.3 Ramsey Counties; regulating the use of certain appropriations by the state auditor

1.4 for litigation expenses.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of management and budget shall pay to Wright County the amount

1.8 that Wright County demonstrates to the commissioner of management and budget that

1.9 Wright County spent on legal fees, including costs and disbursements, to defend the lawsuit

1.10 brought by former state auditor, Rebecca Otto, against Wright, Becker, and Ramsey Counties,

1.11 Otto v. Wright County, Becker County, and Ramsey County, Minnesota District Court,

1.12 Second Judicial District, Court File No. 62-CV-16-606, and all appeals from that suit. The

1.13 amount needed for the payment is appropriated to the commissioner of management and

1.14 budget in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund.

1.15 (b) The commissioner of management and budget shall pay to Becker County the amount

1.16 that Becker County demonstrates to the commissioner of management and budget that

1.17 Becker County spent on legal fees, including costs and disbursements, to defend the lawsuit

1.18 brought by former State Auditor, Rebecca Otto, against Wright, Becker, and Ramsey

1.19 Counties, Otto v. Wright County, Becker County, and Ramsey County, Minnesota District

1.20 Court, Second Judicial District, Court File No. 62-CV-16-606, and all appeals from that

1.21 suit. The amount needed for the payment is appropriated to the commissioner of management

1.22 and budget in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund.

2.1 (c) The commissioner of management and budget shall pay to Ramsey County the amount  
2.2 that Ramsey County demonstrates to the commissioner of management and budget that  
2.3 Ramsey County spent on legal fees, including costs and disbursements, to defend the lawsuit  
2.4 brought by former State Auditor, Rebecca Otto, against Wright, Becker, and Ramsey  
2.5 Counties, Otto v. Wright County, Becker County, and Ramsey County, Minnesota District  
2.6 Court, Second Judicial District, Court File No. 62-CV-16-606, and all appeals from that  
2.7 suit. The amount needed for the payment is appropriated to the commissioner of management  
2.8 and budget in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund.