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670 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to local government; appropriating money to reimburse counties for  
1.3 litigation costs in defending the constitutionality of the 2015 county audit law.

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

1.5 Section 1. **REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTIES' LEGAL COSTS.**

1.6 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.7 of employment and economic development for grants to the counties of Becker and Wright  
1.8 to reimburse each county for litigation costs incurred in defending the constitutionality of  
1.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 6.481, enacted in Laws 2015, chapter 77, article 2, section 3,  
1.10 in the suit brought against each county by the State Auditor. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
1.11 Statutes, section 16A.28, this appropriation is available until June 30, 2021. If the  
1.12 appropriation is not sufficient to pay all costs incurred by both counties, the grants must be  
1.13 proportionate to each county's costs.