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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1891

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money for language preservation.  
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; LANGUAGE PRESERVATION.**

1.5 \$3,000,000 is appropriated in the 2016-2017 biennium from the arts and cultural  
1.6 heritage fund to the Indian Affairs Council for the purposes identified in this section.

1.7 **(a) Grants to preserve Dakota and Ojibwe language; immersion schools.**  
1.8 \$725,000 the first year and \$725,000 the second year are for grants for programs that  
1.9 preserve Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster educational programs in  
1.10 Dakota and Ojibwe languages.

1.11 **(b) Language immersion.** \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are  
1.12 for grants each year to the Niigaane Ojibwe Immersion School, the Wicoie Nandagikendan  
1.13 Urban Immersion Project, and the Bdote Learning Center for a total of \$1,500,000 for  
1.14 the 2016-2017 biennium.

1.15 **(c) Dakota and Ojibwe working group.** \$50,000 for the 2016-2017 biennium is  
1.16 for the Dakota and Ojibwe working group.