

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2216**

Introduced by

Senators Thompson, Lee, Sand

Representatives Gerntholz, Olson, Thompson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide compensation for damage by construction of an outlet from Devils  
2 Lake to the Sheyenne River; and to provide an appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY CONSTRUCTION OF**  
5 **DEVILS LAKE OUTLET.** The state engineer shall assess, verify, and quantify damage to  
6 downstream landowners and property caused by construction of an outlet from Devils Lake to  
7 the Sheyenne River. The state engineer shall provide compensation for clearing and snagging  
8 operations, for damage to basic infrastructure, such as roads, culverts, and bridges, caused by  
9 riverbank erosion and flooding, and for increased water treatment costs.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CONTINGENCY.** If an outlet from Devils Lake to the  
11 Sheyenne River is constructed, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
12 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the  
13 sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds the sum of  
14 \$1,500,000, to the state water commission for the purpose of defraying the costs of damage  
15 caused to downstream landowners and property as the result of construction of an outlet from  
16 Devils Lake to the Sheyenne River, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending  
17 June 30, 1999. The general fund appropriation is available to match federal funds in the ratio of  
18 one to three.