

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Brandenburg

1 A BILL for an Act to provide legislative findings and authorize the governor to seize certain land
2 and transfer that land to the board of university and school lands.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.** The legislative assembly finds
5 the following:

- 6 1. The economy and well-being of the residents of North Dakota is dependent upon
7 agriculture.
- 8 2. The United States, through the army corps of engineers, has acquired certain
9 lands around Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe.
- 10 3. The United States army corps of engineers has failed to control weeds and
11 manage this land properly.
- 12 4. This failure to control weeds on land managed by the United States army corps of
13 engineers jeopardizes the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens
14 of this state.
- 15 5. That the state must exercise its police power for the protection of public health,
16 safety, and general welfare of the state.

17 **SECTION 2. SEIZURE OF LAND - TRANSFER TO BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND**
18 **SCHOOL LANDS.** On the effective date of this Act, the governor shall direct the state's
19 attorney of each county of this state in which lands adjacent to Lakes Sakakawea or Oahe is
20 located to seize that land and effect a transfer from the United States army corps of engineers
21 to the board of university and school lands. At the direction of the governor, the state's attorney
22 shall prepare any necessary documents and cause them to be recorded in the recorder's office
23 of the affected county.