

**2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1056**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1056  
1/10/2025

Relating to the Oahe bridge development.
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10:50 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVille, Frelich, Hendrix, Johnston, Kasper, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz

### Discussion Topics:

- Bridge Development
- Tribal Land
- Department of Transportation

10:50 a.m. Ron Henke, Director, ND Department of Transportation, testified in support and submitted testimony # 28378.

10:59 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

10:59 a.m. Representative Grueneich moved a Do Pass.

10:59 a.m. Representative Christianson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y

11:00 a.m. Motioned passed 14-0-0

11:00 a.m. Representative Osowski will carry the bill.

11:01 a.m. Chairman Ruby adjourned the meeting.

*Joseph Reed, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1056 ([25.8044.01000](#))**

**Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1056 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**House Bill No. 1056****House Transportation Committee**

Room 327E | Jan. 10, 2025, 10:40 a.m.

Ron Henke, Director

Greetings, Chair and members of the Committee. I'm Ron Henke, Director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to introduce and provide supportive testimony related to HB 1056.

Currently North Dakota Century Code section 24-02-02.1 provides authorization to the director to execute an agreement with the federal government for the construction of a bridge over the Oahe Reservoir. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has received funding and will lead an effort to begin the preliminary engineering and environmental study to build a new bridge over the Oahe Reservoir along with the connecting roadways. The NDDOT will be serving as a partner and providing technical expertise during the development of the project.

HB 1056 would authorize the director to accept ownership of the bridge and connecting roadways and to place them on the state highway system. This would allow the department to provide ongoing maintenance to the bridge and connecting roadways after they are built. It would also allow for the bridge and connecting roadways to be placed on the state highway system at any time during project development or construction if requested by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. At that point the NDDOT would become the lead for the project.

The NDDOT recommends a "do pass" on HB 1056. This concludes my testimony. Thank you.

**2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1056**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1056  
2/13/2025

Relating to the Oahe bridge development.
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10:29 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

### Discussion Topics:

- Progress in bridge project negotiations
- Budget estimates and funding methods for bridge project

10:29 a.m. Ron Henke, Director, NDDOT, introduced HB 1056, testified in favor and submitted testimony #37456.

10:36 a.m. Erin Magrum, County Commissioner, Emmons County, testified neutral.

10:38 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

10:38 a.m. Senator Rummel moved a Do Pass.

10:38 a.m. Senator Klein seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Rummel will carry the bill.

10:39 a.m. Chairman Clemens adjourned the meeting.

*Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1056 ([25.8044.01000](#))**

**Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1056 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.



**House Bill No. 1056****Senate Transportation Committee**

Fort Totten Room | Feb 13, 2025, 10:30 am

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