

HOUSE BILL NO. 1281

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Kempenich, Magrum, Schmidt, Zubke

Senators Erbele, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-01-29.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the return of lands and mineral rights under Lake Oahe to the state.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-01-29.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-01-29.1. Federal legislation encouraged to return lands and mineral rights to the**
7 **state of North Dakota.**

8 Uplands of the Oahe Reservoir in Emmons and Morton Counties in North Dakota above the
9 elevation of 1,620 feet [493.78 meters] are defined as excess lands to the operation of the
10 Oahe Dam. The North Dakota legislative assembly encourages Congress to pass federal
11 legislation to return those lands and mineral rights to the state of North Dakota and the North
12 Dakota legislative assembly encourages the governor of North Dakota to work with the North
13 Dakota congressional delegation and Congress to secure enactment of necessary federal
14 legislation. The North Dakota legislative assembly also encourages Congress to pass federal
15 legislation to return lands and mineral rights underlying Lake Oahe in North Dakota to the state
16 of North Dakota as reimbursement for the costs borne by the state to ensure public safety in
17 relation to protests against the placement of an oil pipeline under the Missouri River.