

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1587

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to state lands; appropriating money to condemn certain land in Cass County
- 1.3 and authorizing its transfer for no consideration.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LAND IN CASS**
- 1.6 **COUNTY.**
- 1.7 (a) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the fund to the commissioner
- 1.8 of natural resources to initiate condemnation proceedings of the lands described in paragraph
- 1.9 (d). The commissioner may use this appropriation for project costs, including but not limited
- 1.10 to valuation expenses, legal fees, closing costs, and transactional staff costs. This is a onetime
- 1.11 appropriation and is available until spent.
- 1.12 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09 to 94.16, or any other
- 1.13 provision of law to the contrary, once the land is condemned under paragraph (a), the
- 1.14 commissioner of natural resources may convey the surplus land bordering public waters
- 1.15 that is described in paragraph (d) to a federally recognized Indian Tribe for no consideration.
- 1.16 (c) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct
- 1.17 errors and ensure accuracy.
- 1.18 (d) The land that may be conveyed is located in Cass County and is described as: the
- 1.19 Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and all that part of the Northwest Quarter of
- 1.20 the Southwest Quarter lying North of the northerly right of way of U.S. Highway No. 2, as
- 1.21 it existed in 2024, all in Section 27, Township 145 North, Range 28 West of the Fifth
- 1.22 Principal Meridian, Cass County, Minnesota.

- 2.1 (e) The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for
2.2 natural resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be
2.3 served if the land was returned to Tribal ownership.