

Bill Brief for HB1023 – An act to authorize the Board of Regents to demolish a South Dakota State University building and to make an appropriation therefor.

What does this bill do?

- The bill authorizes demolition of Wecota Annex, identified as Building 0508, on the campus of South Dakota State University. This structure is connected to the west side of Wecota Hall and consists of 21,288 square feet.
- Complete demolition is requested, which requires legislative action.

Why is this necessary?

- This building was constructed in 1940. It was used as a residence hall until 2013, and after that a portion of the building was used for office space until 2019.
- This facility has substantial maintenance and repair needs, including overall ventilation to include heating and cooling, new roof, asbestos abatement, fire and electrical service upgrades, accessibility, and life safety code upgrades.
- Operational efficiencies will be gained through demolition.

What fund sources will be used to pay for the demolition?

- Demolition and disposal of materials are estimated to cost \$800,000, which will be paid for using 'other funds' from local university or private sources.