Bill Brief – House Bill 1062
Purchase of Real Estate in Brown County for Northern State University

What does this bill do?
• This bill authorizes acquisition of unimproved real property in Aberdeen.

• The property in question is a narrow strip of land about 53 feet wide and 746 feet long, amounting to less than an acre (about .86 acre).

Why is it necessary?
• The lot is currently owned by the NSU Foundation.
  o Northern State University owns the property that borders the west side of this lot.
  o South Dakota School for the Blind & the Visually Impaired owns the property that borders the east side of this lot.

• Northern State University plans to build a parking lot on the property currently owned by the university. Acquisition of this lot from the NSU Foundation would allow the parking area to be expanded.

What is the source of funds for this project?
• Estimated cost to acquire the property is $25,000 from gifts donated to the university for this purpose. The bill seeks “other fund” expenditure authority to spend the private, donated funds.