Bill Brief – House Bill 1065
Renovation and Expansion of the National Music Museum
at the University of South Dakota

What does this bill do?

• This bill authorizes the Board of Regents to contract for design of the renovation and an addition to the National Music Museum on the campus of the University of South Dakota.

Why is it necessary?

• Founded in 1973, the National Music Museum and the Center for Study of the History of Musical Instruments is one of the great institutions of its kind in the world. Its renowned collections, which include more than 14,800 American, European, and non-Western instruments from virtually all cultures and historical periods, are the most inclusive anywhere. With 1,200 musical instruments on public display, and more than 15,000 representing virtually all cultures and historical periods in the overall holdings, the National Music Museum’s collections are among the best anywhere.

• An addition to the National Music Museum will dramatically improve exhibit, public lobby, performance, and meeting and education spaces. Staff operations, collections’ storage space, and exhibit spaces in the original building will be renovated. Spaces that now house public amenities will be re-configured for exhibits. Additionally, the HVAC system is in significant need of upgrading to protect the integrity of the collection.

What is the status of the project?

• A preliminary design, with conceptual floor plans and cost estimate completed by architects Koch/Hazard, was completed to inform the Facilities Program Plan approved by the Board of Regents in December. The project is presently awaiting legislative authorization.

What is the source of funds for this project?

• Funding for the National Music Museum renovation and expansion project is from Higher Education Facilities Fund’s maintenance and repair funds in the amount of $1.5 million and private, donated funds of $7,765,000. Estimated total project costs for all program functions are $9,265,000 (in FY2017 dollars).