



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 602

Introduced by: **Senator Rohl**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To provide for an interim study to examine mitigation**
2 **efforts to curtail the spread of aquatic invasive species.**

3 WHEREAS, invasive species present a clear and present danger to the aquatic ecosystems
4 of all waters in this state; and

5 WHEREAS, zebra mussels have appeared in several lakes in northeastern South Dakota
6 and the lower portion of the Missouri River; and

7 WHEREAS, the infestation of zebra mussels and other invasive species are known to cause
8 an economic impact exceeding one hundred million dollars in infected states; and

9 WHEREAS, zebra mussels clog intakes for irrigation systems and pipelines carrying water
10 to municipalities throughout a state's borders; and

11 WHEREAS, zebra mussels wreak havoc on recreational boating and fishing, and impact
12 lakeside homeowners and businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, mitigation efforts to significantly slow down and even stop the spread of
14 invasive species have proven effective in other states;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of
16 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the
17 Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council establish a task force to examine the
18 mitigation efforts to curtail the spread of all invasive species in this state; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Game, Fish and Parks and
20 stakeholders work in conjunction to identify objectives; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to provide sufficient time for the development of the legislation
22 necessary to implement recommendations, the task force prepare and present a final report

- 1 regarding the work directed by this resolution, to the Executive Board of the Legislative
- 2 Research Council, on or before December 1, 2022.