



2022 South Dakota Legislature  
**Senate Concurrent Resolution 602**

SENATE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Rohl**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, to encourage the executive branch of this state to**  
2 **examine mitigation 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, to strongly  
17 encourage that the executive branch of state government use all resources necessary to fight  
18 the spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species into our waters; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the executive branch of state government provide a  
20 detailed description of upgrade efforts to the Legislature by August 1, 2022.