



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1157

Introduced by: **Representative** Goodwin

1 **An Act to establish a task force for the purpose of studying aquatic invasive species**  
 2 **infestations, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is created the Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force for the purpose of  
 5 studying the ecological damage and associated costs of infestations of aquatic invasive  
 6 species, as defined in § 41-13A-1, and to make recommendations to the Legislature on  
 7 policies to address the issue.

8 The task force consists of:

9 (1) The following members appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate:

10 (a) Two senators;

11 (b) Two individuals representing non-governmental water organizations;

12 (c) One individual representing water development districts; and

13 (d) One individual from a tribal organization with experience in issues related  
 14 to aquatic invasive species;

15 (2) The following members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives:

16 (a) Two members of the House of Representatives;

17 (b) One biologist with expertise in aquatic invasive species;

18 (c) One non-governmental individual representing the river, lake, and stream  
 19 recreation and resort industry;

20 (d) One individual representing a non-governmental outdoor recreation  
 21 organization; and

22 (e) One individual representing a non-governmental agricultural organization;

23 (3) One individual appointed by the secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and  
 24 Parks;

25 (4) One individual appointed by the secretary of the Department of Agriculture and  
 26 Natural Resources; and

27 (5) One individual appointed by the secretary of the Department of Tourism.

1           The initial appointments must be made no later than April 30, 2026. If there is a  
2           vacancy on the task force, the vacancy is to be filled in the same manner as the original  
3           appointment.

4           **Section 2.** The task force shall present a report to the Executive Board of the Legislative  
5           Research Council no later than November 30, 2026, at which point the work of the task force  
6           concludes. The report must address:

7           (1) The current condition, impacts, and potential future damage of aquatic invasive  
8           species;

9           (2) Techniques, methods, strategies, and best practices to prevent, contain, and  
10           mitigate aquatic invasive species;

11           (3) Cost estimates regarding the methodologies determined in subdivision (2);

12           (4) Short-term and long-term funding to support identified best practices; and

13           (5) Any other issue the task force deems appropriate in addressing aquatic invasive  
14           species.

15           **Section 3.** There is appropriated \$50,000 from the general fund, to the Legislative Research  
16           Council, for expenses associated with administering the Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force.

17           **Section 4.** The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall approve vouchers  
18           and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

19           **Section 5.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall  
20           revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

21           **Section 6.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its  
22           existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in  
23           full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.