



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 606

Introduced by: **Senator Hohn**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** encouraging the South Dakota Conservancy District
2 **to obtain and hold a future use permit of Missouri River water for the long-**
3 **term needs of this state.**

4 WHEREAS, the demand for water is increasing in many parts of the western United States;
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6 WHEREAS, the Missouri River remains the most crucial single source of water in this state;
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8 WHEREAS, SDCL 46-5-38 authorizes several entities to reserve water for contemplated
9 future needs upon a showing of availability of unappropriated water and future need pursuant
10 to the procedures set forth in chapter 46-2A; and

11 WHEREAS, no entity has yet filed a future use permit that looks to the long-term needs
12 of people of this state; and

13 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Conservancy District is a statewide organization, created by
14 the Legislature for the purpose of planning, developing, and managing the use and
15 conservation of water resources in this state;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the One Hundred First Legislature
17 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that it is of
18 the utmost importance that the South Dakota Conservancy District file an application to
19 reserve and hold not less than five hundred thousand acre feet of water per year from the
20 Missouri River to address the future needs of the people of this state; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Conservancy District is strongly urged
22 to report to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council, no later than November
23 30, 2026, on the status of the future use permit referenced herein.