

2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 602

AMENDMENT SCR602F FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To ~~provide for an interim study~~ encourage the**
2 **executive branch of this state to examine mitigation efforts to curtail the**
3 **spread of aquatic invasive species.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of
17 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, ~~that the~~
18 ~~Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council establish a task force to examine the~~
19 ~~mitigation efforts to curtail the spread of all invasive species in this state to strongly encourage~~
20 ~~that the executive branch of state government use all resources necessary to fight the spread~~
21 ~~of zebra mussels and other invasive species into our waters; and~~

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ~~Department of Game, Fish and Parks and~~
2 ~~stakeholders work in conjunction to identify objectives; and executive branch of state~~
3 ~~government provide a detailed description of upgrade efforts to the Legislature by August 1,~~
4 ~~2022.~~

5 ~~— BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to provide sufficient time for the development of the legislation~~
6 ~~necessary to implement recommendations, the task force prepare and present a final report~~
7 ~~regarding the work directed by this resolution, to the Executive Board of the Legislative~~
8 ~~Research Council, on or before December 1, 2022.~~

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