



2022 South Dakota Legislature
Senate Concurrent Resolution 602
ENROLLED

AN ACT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To encourage the executive branch of this state to examine mitigation efforts to curtail the spread of aquatic invasive species.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, to strongly encourage that the executive branch of state government use all resources necessary to fight the spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species into our waters; and

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

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 22, 2022
March 2, 2022

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President of the Senate

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