

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4041

Introduced by

Senators Lindaas, Thane

Representative Aarsvold

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the establishment of
2 watershed districts to manage water based on watershed boundaries.

3 **WHEREAS**, the effective management of the state's water resources is essential to the
4 health, prosperity, and general welfare of the citizens of North Dakota; and

5 **WHEREAS**, most of the state's existing water resource political subdivisions are based
6 upon political boundaries and not hydrologic boundaries; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the state's rivers, streams, and watersheds do not correspond with existing
8 political boundaries; and

9 **WHEREAS**, many watershedwide issues such as channel maintenance, upstream
10 drainage, and drain maintenance extend across the boundaries of existing water-related
11 political subdivisions and necessarily require watershedwide or regionwide solutions that
12 smaller water-related political entities are incapable of providing;

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
14 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

15 That the Legislative Council study the establishment of watershed districts to manage
16 water based on watershed boundaries; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
18 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
19 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.