

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007**

Introduced by

Representatives Belter, Herbel

Senators Fischer, Trenbeath

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the establishment of regional  
2 water entities to manage water based on regional or 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; and

13 **WHEREAS**, flooding such as has recently occurred in the Red River Valley may be  
14 more effectively dealt with on a regional or watershedwide basis;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the establishment of regional water entities to  
18 manage water based on regional or watershed boundaries; and

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