

Introduced by

Representatives Winrich, Svedjan, Eckre

Senators Fischer, Thompson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study basinwide water management  
2 of the Red River Basin.

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

5 **WHEREAS**, most of the Red River Basin's existing water resource districts are based  
6 upon political boundaries and not hydrologic boundaries; and

7 **WHEREAS**, rivers, streams, and watersheds in the Red River Basin do not correspond  
8 with existing political boundaries; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the flood of 1997 caused a great deal of damage in communities  
10 throughout the Red River Basin; and

11 **WHEREAS**, several proposals for basinwide water management that hold the promise  
12 of reducing damage from future floods are being developed; and

13 **WHEREAS**, reduction in flood levels would significantly increase the safety and security  
14 of conventional flood protection systems, such as dikes, that are being developed in the Red  
15 River Basin;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study basinwide water management of the Red River  
19 Basin; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
22 the Fifty-seventh legislative assembly.