

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3018

Introduced by

Representatives Beltz, Brandenburg, Frelich, Grueneich, Mitskog, Schreiber-Beck, Swiontek,
Weisz

Senators Sorvaag, Thomas, Wanzek

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying water and
2 wetlands regulations and the taxation of inundated lands in the state.

3 **WHEREAS**, the management of water and wetlands resources is a complex issue with
4 significant implications for public health, economic development, and agriculture; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the jurisdiction over water and wetlands often is unclear and involves multiple
6 levels of government, including federal, state, and local agencies; and

7 **WHEREAS**, overlapping jurisdictions can create confusion, delays, and inconsistencies in
8 the regulation and management of water and wetlands; and

9 **WHEREAS**, boards of county commissioners are authorized to remove from the tax rolls all
10 inundated lands, often resulting in inconsistent application; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a comprehensive study of the jurisdictional framework is necessary to identify
12 potential conflicts, overlaps, and gaps in authority and tax treatment; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a study will provide valuable information to the Legislative Assembly in
14 developing effective and efficient policies for the protection and management of water and
15 wetlands resources;

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

18 That Legislative Management shall consider studying water and wetlands regulations and
19 the taxation of inundated lands in the state; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the study must include an examination of the regulation of
21 water, wetlands, and inundated lands laws of other states; an inventory of all federal, state, and
22 local laws, regulations, and policies relating to the jurisdiction of water and wetlands; an
23 analysis of the environmental protection and public health jurisdictional framework, including an
24 identification of potential conflicts, overlaps, and gaps in authority; and recommendations for

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- 1 improving the clarity, consistency, and efficiency of the jurisdictional framework in water
- 2 management; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Seventieth Legislative Assembly.