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HOUSE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1235** 02/15/2013

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

Introduced by: Representative Hansen and Senator Novstrup (Al)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to repeal the Regional Watershed Advisory Task Force to
2 save public financial resources.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 46A-14-93 be repealed.

5 ~~—46A-14-93. There is hereby established the Regional Watershed Advisory Task Force. The~~
6 ~~task force shall consist of the following fourteen members:~~

7 ~~—(1)—The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the~~
8 ~~House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from one political~~
9 ~~party;~~

10 ~~—(2)—The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the~~
11 ~~general public. At least one of the members shall have a background in natural~~
12 ~~resources law, science, or management, and at least one of the members shall have~~
13 ~~an agricultural or business background;~~

14 ~~—(3)—The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint four members of the Senate,~~



1 no more than two of whom may be from one political party; and

2 ~~—(4)—~~ The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members of the general
3 public. At least one of the members shall have a background in natural resources law,
4 science, or management, and at least one of the members shall have an agricultural
5 or business background.

6 ~~—~~ The initial appointments shall be made no later than July 1, 2012, and shall serve until
7 January 12, 2013. The speaker of the House of Representatives and president pro tempore of the
8 Senate, before the close of each regular session of the Legislature held in odd-numbered years,
9 shall appoint members to the task force for a term of two years. If there is a vacancy on the task
10 force, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

11 Section 2. That § 46A-14-94 be repealed.

12 ~~—46A-14-94.~~ The Regional Watershed Advisory Task Force established pursuant to § 46A-
13 14-93 shall conduct studies and evaluations on matters relating to drainage, erosion, flood
14 control, reclamation, environmental protection, and improvement of lands, soils, waters, and all
15 other authorized purposes and may advise any new or existing special purpose district or
16 government entity on such issues. In addition, the task force shall consider potential alternative
17 organizational structures and entities appropriate to address such issues. The task force shall
18 report to the Senate and House of Representatives and may submit a copy of its report to the
19 Governor. The task force may present draft legislation and policy recommendations to the
20 Legislative Research Council Executive Board. The task force shall make recommendations in
21 the following areas:

22 ~~—(1)—~~ The proper role, purposes, structure, powers, boundaries, and financing for regional
23 and local watershed districts and the relationship of such districts to other types of
24 water and natural resources-related special purpose districts;

- 1 ~~(2) The role of watershed districts and other state and local government entities with~~
2 ~~respect to drainage issues, including drainage planning and management, resolution~~
3 ~~of drainage disputes, and recommendations for potential realignment of~~
4 ~~responsibilities for drainage matters; and~~
- 5 ~~(3) Potential alternative organizational structures, entities, and strategies appropriate to~~
6 ~~address statewide, regional, and local issues relating to water and natural resources~~
7 ~~conservation, protection, management, and use.~~