

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1022

Introduced by: Representatives Lange, Boomgarden, Bradford, Brunner, Buckingham, Cutler, Davis, Dennert, Elliott, Faehn, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gassman, Gillespie, Glover, Hackl, Haley, Halverson, Hanks, Hargens, Heineman, Hennies, Hills, Howie, Hunhoff, Hunt, Jensen, Jerke, Koistinen, Krebs, Kroger, McCoy, McLaughlin, Michels, Miles, Murschel, Novstrup, Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Putnam, Rausch, Rave, Rhoden, Roberts, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Tornow, Turbiville, Van Etten, Van Norman, Weems, Wick, and Willadsen and Senators Hundstad, Abdallah, Broderick, Kelly, Kloucek, Kooistra, McNenny, Moore, Peterson (Jim), and Sutton (Dan)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to submit to the states for ratification a  
2 balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

3 WHEREAS, since statehood, South Dakota has always been constitutionally required to  
4 balance her annual budget and operate on a pay-as-you-go basis; and

5 WHEREAS, South Dakota has been well served by her constitutional provisions against  
6 contracting budget debt; and

7 WHEREAS, South Dakota's fiscally conservative citizens have believed for decades that the  
8 federal government should exercise appropriate fiscal restraint; and

9 WHEREAS, the principal functions of the United States Constitution include promoting the  
10 broadest principles of a government of, by, and for the people; setting forth the most  
11 fundamental responsibilities of government; and enumerating and limiting the powers of the



1 government to protect the basic rights of the people; and

2 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution vests the ultimate responsibility to approve or  
3 disapprove of amendments to the United States Constitution with the people of the several  
4 states, as represented by their elected legislatures:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth  
6 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature of  
7 the State of South Dakota requests the members of the Congress of the United States to  
8 expeditiously pass, and to propose to all state Legislatures for ratification, an amendment to the  
9 United States Constitution requiring, in the absence of a national emergency, war, or recession,  
10 that the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year not exceed  
11 the total of all estimated federal revenue for that fiscal year; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislatures of each state comprising the United  
13 States be urged to apply to the Congress requesting the proposal for ratification of a balanced  
14 budget amendment to the United States Constitution.