



## 2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

August 3, 2017 - Introduced by Senators HANSEN, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, LARSON, RINGHAND, RISSER and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives STUCK, GENRICH, MURSAU, BERCEAU, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, GOYKE, HEBL, MASON, MILROY, OHNSTAD, SHANKLAND, SPREITZER, C. TAYLOR, WACHS and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** opposing the development of Aquila Resources' Back Forty Project, a  
2             proposed open pit metallic sulfide mine in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

3             Whereas, Aquila Resources' Back Forty Project, a proposed open pit metallic  
4     sulfide mine, would be located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on the banks of  
5     the Menominee River, which empties into Lake Michigan and is one of the largest  
6     watersheds in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula; and

7             Whereas, the Menominee River provides a unique habitat for species of special  
8     concern such as lake sturgeon and freshwater mussels, which would be negatively  
9     impacted by discharges into the river; and

10            Whereas, the potential impacts of the mine include long term leaching of  
11     acid-producing wastes into the groundwater and the river; and

12            Whereas, the hazardous wastes generated by the mine would degrade water  
13     quality and present risks to human health and the environment in Wisconsin and  
14     Michigan; and

