

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 473B.5 AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

A council of governments shall be considered a public agency for the purpose of chapter 28E. A council of governments may enter into an agreement under chapter 28E with another council of governments, merged area school, or other public agency for the purpose of community development and planning.

Sec. 6.

The counties of Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Marion, Polk, Story, and Warren, within six months of the effective date of this Act, may petition the department of economic development to form a council of governments. The petition may be filed by a county or a group of contiguous counties not currently in a council of governments. If a county named in this section has not formed or joined a new council of governments within six months of the effective date of this Act the department shall assign any unserved county to a council of governments or designate the unserved county as a single county council of governments.

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## CHAPTER 1158

### DISHONORED INSTRUMENT SURCHARGE

*H.F. 2475*

**AN ACT** relating to the surcharge for dishonored instruments.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 554.3507, subsection 5, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

5. The holder of a dishonored instrument may assess against the maker of that instrument a surcharge of not more than ~~ten~~ fifteen dollars for each dishonored instrument. The surcharge authorized by this section shall not be assessed unless the holder clearly and conspicuously posts a notice at the usual place of payment, or in the billing statement of the holder, stating that a surcharge will be assessed and the amount of the surcharge. However, ~~such a~~ the surcharge shall not be assessed against the maker if the reason for the dishonor of the instrument is that the maker has stopped payment pursuant to section 554.4403.

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## CHAPTER 1159

### GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS INSURANCE DISCLOSURE

*H.F. 2496*

**AN ACT** requiring a group health benefits insurer to disclose certain information relating to claims experience and costs of those claims.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 509.19 DISCLOSURE OF CLAIMS AND RELATED COSTS.

1. A person issuing a policy or contract providing group health benefit coverages to a group of one hundred or more persons shall provide to the policyholder, contract holder, or sponsor