CHAPTER 117

STATEWIDE WELCOME CENTER PROGRAM H.F. 303

AN ACT relating to a statewide welcome center program.

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

- Section 1. Section 15.271, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- *e.* A program shall be established to plan, acquire, develop, promote, operate, and maintain a variety of welcome centers at strategic locations to meet the needs of travelers in the state. The program is intended to be accomplished by 1992.
- Sec. 2. Section 15.271, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

The primary goals of a statewide program for welcome centers are to provide <u>travel-related</u> services and tourism information to travelers the following:

- Sec. 3. Section 15.271, subsection 2, paragraphs a, b, and c, Code 2019, are amended by striking the paragraphs.
- Sec. 4. Section 15.272, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- <u>1.</u> The state agencies, as indicated in this section, <u>authority</u> shall <u>undertake certain</u> specific functions to implement the goals of a statewide program, including the pilot projects, for <u>establish</u> and administer a statewide welcome <u>centers</u> <u>center program</u>. The authority <u>shall</u> collaborate with other state agencies as necessary to coordinate the operation of such welcome centers and to provide information to travelers.
 - Sec. 5. Section 15.272, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended by striking the subsection.
- Sec. 6. Section 15.272, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

The responsibilities of the authority include the following: shall operate, manage, and maintain all state-owned and state-operated welcome centers, including the provision of travel-related services, and the collection and distribution of tourism information.

Sec. 7. Section 15.272, subsection 2, paragraphs a, b, c, d, and e, Code 2019, are amended by striking the paragraphs.

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