

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 180

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1 A Resolution requesting the Senate leadership to
2 establish a blue ribbon elder services planning group
3 to develop a plan for unifying the state administration
4 of services utilized by elderly Iowans who are age
5 sixty or older.

6 WHEREAS, Iowa's services for persons who are
7 elderly provide an important element in the community
8 life of the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Iowa's services for these populations,
10 while of high quality, are amenable to improvement
11 through consideration of the state's role in
12 administering the services; NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
14 leadership is requested to establish a blue ribbon
15 elder services planning group to develop a plan for
16 unifying the state administration of services utilized
17 by elderly Iowans who are age sixty or older and the
18 plan should address options for implementing the
19 unification through legislation, funding changes, or
20 other appropriate means and shall address the services
21 paid for or provided to elderly Iowans by the
22 departments of elder affairs, human services, and
23 public health; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the departments that
25 are the focus of the planning process are requested to
26 provide staffing services for the planning group and
27 the plan should be submitted to the Senate when it is
28 completed; and

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RULES & ADMINISTRATION

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the unification plan
2 should be designed to achieve the following goals:

3 1. Provide for a more effective delivery of
4 services to persons who are elderly.

5 2. Create financial efficiencies.

6 3. Create more accountability; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appointments
8 necessary for the planning group be made by the Senate
9 Majority Leader in consultation with the Senate
10 Minority Leader and that the membership of the
11 planning group should include the following:

12 1. The directors of the three departments or the
13 directors' designees.

14 2. A director of an area agency on aging.

15 3. A representative of the governor.

16 4. A representative of the banking industry in
17 this state who has significant experience with
18 reorganization or restructuring of agencies.

19 5. The chief executive officer of a united way
20 organization located in Iowa.

21 6. The president of an Iowa resource center for
22 nonprofit organizations.

23 7. The president of the university of northern
24 Iowa.

25 8. The chairman of the board of the largest
26 private employer in the state.

27 9. An individual retired as president of the
28 state's largest private health insurer who has served
29 as mayor of Iowa's largest city.

30 10. The head of the AARP Iowa chapter.

1 11. The chief executive officer of an Iowa-based
2 financial services company ranked by Fortune Magazine
3 as sixth among life and health companies.

4 12. Two members of the senate.

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