

Senate Resolution 110 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY BOLKCOM
1 3 A Resolution requesting that the
1 4 legislative council create a study committee
1 5 relating to beverage container laws.
1 6 WHEREAS, there is significant support for making
1 7 recycling and environmental concerns a top priority
1 8 for the state of Iowa; and
1 9 WHEREAS, beverage container deposits decrease
1 10 littering; and
1 11 WHEREAS, using recycled beverage containers rather
1 12 than new materials in the production of beverage
1 13 containers reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and
1 14 WHEREAS, although under Iowa's current beverage
1 15 container deposit law approximately 1,900,000,000
1 16 containers are eligible for redemption, nearly
1 17 335,000,000 additional containers for beverages such
1 18 as water, tea, sport, and fruit drinks could be
1 19 covered by the law; and
1 20 WHEREAS, while Iowa's current beverage container
1 21 deposit law has a redemption rate of 86 percent, a
1 22 recent Des Moines Register survey found that 62
1 23 percent of Iowans support an expansion of the law to
1 24 include other types of containers; and
1 25 WHEREAS, the reimbursement amount to redemption
1 26 centers of 1 cent per empty beverage container has not
1 27 changed since the law's inception; NOW THEREFORE,
1 28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative
1 29 council is requested to establish an interim study
1 30 committee to identify feasible proposals for the
2 1 expansion of Iowa's beverage container deposit law,
2 2 recognizing the need to increase recycling rates,
2 3 raise reimbursements to redemption centers, expand the
2 4 number of containers covered, and provide funding for
2 5 natural resources. The interim study committee shall
2 6 work cooperatively with interested persons to develop
2 7 a consensus approach to the law's expansion.
2 8 LSB 6560SS 82
2 9 tw/rj/8