

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 - Introduced

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

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1 A Concurrent Resolution requesting establishment of
2 an interim study committee to identify creative,
3 environmental, and sustainable ways to limit
4 single-use plastics.

5 WHEREAS, plastic has been mass produced for about
6 sixty years and in that time has created over eight
7 billion metric tons of waste, of which only about nine
8 percent is recycled; and

9 WHEREAS, plastic waste could sit in Iowa landfills
10 for hundreds of years or, in the case of lighter
11 plastic materials such as bags and plastic wrap, get
12 blown by the wind into the natural environment; and

13 WHEREAS, even though some Iowa communities have
14 developed creative solutions to address waste plastic,
15 such as the metro waste authority's plastic bag swap
16 competition, the amount of plastic waste heading
17 to landfills has outpaced the amount reduced or
18 recycled; NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the legislative
21 council is requested to establish a legislative interim
22 committee, composed of three members of the Senate and
23 three members of the House of Representatives, to meet
24 during the 2019 interim to study and discuss creative,
25 environmental, and sustainable ways to limit single-use
26 plastics. The committee shall consider testimony from
27 interested stakeholders, including but not limited to
28 representatives of solid waste agencies from within the

1 state and representatives from regents institutions
2 who research corn-based polymers and biodegradable
3 materials; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee is
5 directed to submit its findings and recommendations to
6 the general assembly by December 31, 2019.