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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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3 A Resolution to request that an interim study com-
4 mittee be established to study practices by rail-
5 road companies delivering Iowa grain.

6 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa is one of the world's
7 richest suppliers of grains, ranking first among all
8 states in the production of corn and soybeans; and

9 WHEREAS, the production and marketing of grains is
10 central to the economy of the state which has
11 33,500,000 acres of farmland, generating more than
12 \$9,000,000,000 annually from the production of
13 agricultural commodities, and exporting annually
14 \$2,000,000,000 worth of agricultural products to
15 foreign markets; and

16 WHEREAS, an efficient and affordable system of bulk
17 transport of Iowa grains by rail is essential to the
18 movement of grain to domestic and international
19 markets; and

20 WHEREAS, investment policies of rail companies
21 increasingly divert assets away from improvements to
22 the rail infrastructure and operations; and

23 WHEREAS, marketers of grains increasingly endure
24 long delays in promised rail cars, shortages of rail
25 cars, and questionable pricing policies for
26 transportation of grain; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Legislative
28 Council is requested to establish a study committee
29 during the next legislative interim to study policies
30 by rail companies relating to the transportation of

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1 grains and to recommend action by the state needed to
2 improve the efficiency of bulk grain transport,
3 including the availability of train cars and pricing
4 policies for the use of these cars.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study
6 committee shall transmit a copy of its final report
7 and recommendations to the general assembly meeting in
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