

# House Amendment 8087

## Amendment Text

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1 1 Amend [Senate File 165](#), as amended, passed, and  
1 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:  
1 3 #1. By striking page 1, line 1 through page 3,  
1 4 line 12, and inserting the following:  
1 5 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1.18 ENGLISH PLUS  
1 6 AFFIRMATION.  
1 7 1. The general assembly of the state of Iowa finds  
1 8 and declares the following:  
1 9 a. English is and will remain the primary language  
1 10 of the state of Iowa, and all members of the state  
1 11 recognize the importance of English to state life,  
1 12 individual accomplishment, and personal enrichment.  
1 13 b. Many United States citizens have native  
1 14 languages other than English, including many languages  
1 15 indigenous to the North American continent, and many  
1 16 members of society have not had an equal opportunity  
1 17 to learn English.  
1 18 c. The ability to communicate in English and other  
1 19 languages has promoted and can further enhance Iowa's  
1 20 economic, political, and cultural vitality, and  
1 21 contributes to the state's productivity and nationwide  
1 22 competitiveness.  
1 23 d. Fundamental values and state and national  
1 24 documents ensure tolerance and respect for diversity  
1 25 and guarantee all persons equal protection under the  
1 26 law.  
1 27 e. A need exists for a vastly expanded network of  
1 28 facilities for comprehensive English language  
1 29 instruction and services to ensure that all persons in  
1 30 the state have the ability to exercise the rights and  
1 31 responsibilities of full participation in society. A  
1 32 need exists to offer English as a primary language in  
1 33 classes at Iowa community colleges, state  
1 34 universities, and public schools.  
1 35 f. A need exists to foster multiple language  
1 36 skills among all people in the state in order to  
1 37 promote Iowa's position in the world marketplace and  
1 38 to strengthen Iowa's conduct of relations with other  
1 39 countries.  
1 40 g. A need exists to endorse the concept of English  
1 41 Plus in order to promote public civility and the  
1 42 fundamental values and objectives of society.  
1 43 2. Laws containing restrictionist language shall  
1 44 not be enacted in Iowa that will impede a citizen's  
1 45 right to vote, infringe on a citizen's civil rights,  
1 46 foster governmental interference in private activity  
1 47 and free commerce, or cause social disunity."  
1 48 #2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and  
1 49 inserting the following: "An Act endorsing the  
1 50 concept of multiple language skills in the state of  
2 1 Iowa."  
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