

# House Amendment 1570

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1 1 Amend the amendment, H=1565, to the Senate  
1 2 amendment, H=1544, to House File 809, as amended,  
1 3 passed, and reprinted by the House, as follows:  
1 4 #1. By striking page 1, line 8, through page 5,  
1 5 line 15, and inserting the following:  
1 6 <<Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15E.315 REGULATORY  
1 7 EFFICIENCY COMMISSION.  
1 8 1. A regulatory efficiency commission is  
1 9 established for purposes of identifying unneeded,  
1 10 outdated, or ineffective regulations, fines, and fees  
1 11 that hinder business development or efficient  
1 12 governmental operation relative to business  
1 13 development activities. The commission shall also  
1 14 develop methods for streamlining business access to  
1 15 regulatory information. The commission shall maintain  
1 16 an ongoing process for inviting, receiving, and  
1 17 considering suggestions from the public, business  
1 18 owners, employees, and others for regulatory changes.  
1 19 Commission staffing shall be provided by the  
1 20 department.  
1 21 2. The commission shall consist of ten voting  
1 22 members appointed by the governor and four ex officio  
1 23 members. Members appointed by the governor are  
1 24 subject to confirmation by the senate and shall serve  
1 25 three-year staggered terms as designated by the  
1 26 governor beginning and ending as provided in section  
1 27 69.19. A vacancy in membership shall be filled in the  
1 28 same manner as the original appointment. The members  
1 29 shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
1 30 reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred  
1 31 in the performance of official duties as a member.  
1 32 The members of the commission shall select a  
1 33 chairperson and any other officers deemed by the  
1 34 commission to be necessary from their membership. The  
1 35 commission shall meet at least quarterly but may meet  
1 36 as often as necessary. Meetings shall be set by a  
1 37 majority of the commission or upon the call of the  
1 38 chairperson. A majority of the commission members  
1 39 shall constitute a quorum.  
1 40 a. The ten voting members shall consist of the  
1 41 following:  
1 42 (1) Two members shall be economic development  
1 43 representatives from two different chambers of  
1 44 commerce. One shall be from a metropolitan area with  
1 45 more than fifty thousand people and one shall be from  
1 46 a metropolitan area with fifty thousand people or  
1 47 less.  
1 48 (2) Two members representing agricultural  
1 49 interests, at least one of whom is involved in  
1 50 marketing farm products directly to consumers or  
2 1 businesses.  
2 2 (3) One member representing the Iowa association  
2 3 of business and industry.  
2 4 (4) One member representing commercial-based  
2 5 businesses.  
2 6 (5) One member representing manufacturing-based  
2 7 businesses.  
2 8 (6) One member representing an environmental  
2 9 organization.  
2 10 (7) One member representing labor interests.  
2 11 (8) One member representing consumer advocacy  
2 12 organizations.  
2 13 b. The four ex officio members shall be members of  
2 14 the general assembly. Two members shall be from the  
2 15 senate and two members shall be from the house of  
2 16 representatives, with not more than one member from  
2 17 each chamber being from the same political party. The  
2 18 two senators shall be designated by the president of  
2 19 the senate after consultation with the majority and  
2 20 minority leaders of the senate. The two  
2 21 representatives shall be designated by the speaker of  
2 22 the house of representatives after consultation with  
2 23 the majority and minority leaders of the house of  
2 24 representatives. Legislative members shall serve in

2 25 an ex officio, nonvoting capacity.  
2 26 3. The commission shall submit a written report  
2 27 annually by December 15 to the governor and the  
2 28 general assembly. The report shall include the  
2 29 findings and legislative recommendations of the  
2 30 commission. The report shall be distributed by the  
2 31 secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the  
2 32 house of representatives to the chairpersons and  
2 33 members of the administrative rules review committee  
2 34 and to the standing committees in the senate and the  
2 35 house of representatives that deal with economic  
2 36 development and economic growth.

2 37 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 15E.316 REGULATORY  
2 38 OMBUDSMAN OFFICE.

2 39 The department shall establish a regulatory  
2 40 ombudsman office for purposes of assisting businesses  
2 41 with regulatory issues. The office shall assist  
2 42 businesses with state program and regulatory  
2 43 applications, direct businesses to proper entities for  
2 44 specialized assistance, and provide businesses with  
2 45 general information regarding programs and regulatory  
2 46 issues.

2 47 Sec. 3. Section 260C.18A, subsection 2, paragraph  
2 48 b, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

2 49 b. Projects in which an agreement between a  
2 50 community college and a business meet all the  
3 1 requirements of the Iowa jobs training Act under  
3 2 chapter 260F. However, projects funded by moneys  
3 3 provided by a local workforce training and economic  
3 4 development fund of a community college are not  
3 5 subject to the maximum advance or award limitations  
3 6 contained in section 260F.6, subsection 2, or the  
3 7 allocation limitations contained in section 260F.8,  
3 8 subsection 1.

3 9 Sec. 4. Section 260C.18A, subsection 2, Code 2005,  
3 10 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 11 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Training and retraining  
3 12 programs for targeted industries as authorized in  
3 13 section 15.343, subsection 2, paragraph "a".

3 14 Sec. 5. Section 260C.18A, subsection 5, Code 2005,  
3 15 is amended by striking the subsection.

3 16 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 303.3B CULTURAL AND  
3 17 ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS.

3 18 1. The department of cultural affairs shall  
3 19 establish and administer a cultural and entertainment  
3 20 district certification program. The program shall  
3 21 encourage the growth of communities through the  
3 22 development of areas within a city for public and  
3 23 private uses related to cultural and entertainment  
3 24 purposes.

3 25 2. A city may create and designate a cultural and  
3 26 entertainment district subject to certification by the  
3 27 department of cultural affairs, in consultation with  
3 28 the department of economic development. A cultural  
3 29 and entertainment district is encouraged to  
3 30 incorporate historic buildings within the district and  
3 31 must incorporate the planning principles listed in  
3 32 section 15F.203, subsection 3, paragraph "g". A  
3 33 cultural and entertainment district certification  
3 34 shall remain in effect for ten years following the  
3 35 date of certification. Two or more cities may apply  
3 36 jointly for certification of a district that extends  
3 37 across a common boundary. Through the adoption of  
3 38 administrative rules, the department of cultural  
3 39 affairs shall develop a certification application for  
3 40 use in the certification process.

3 41 3. The department of cultural affairs shall  
3 42 encourage development projects and activities located  
3 43 in certified cultural and entertainment districts  
3 44 through incentives under cultural grant programs  
3 45 pursuant to section 303.3, chapter 303A, and any other  
3 46 grant programs.

3 47 4. A city may form a cultural and entertainment  
3 48 district administrative committee for purposes of  
3 49 administering and fostering activities in the  
3 50 district. At least half of the committee membership  
4 1 must include members who are younger than thirty-five  
4 2 years of age at the time of appointment to the  
4 3 committee.

4 4 5. The department shall establish and administer a  
4 5 cultural and entertainment district events program for

4 6 purposes of providing financial assistance for  
4 7 cultural and entertainment events located in cultural  
4 8 and entertainment districts certified pursuant to this  
4 9 section. Financial assistance under the program shall  
4 10 take the form of grants.

4 11 Sec. 7. Section 404A.4, subsection 4, Code 2005,  
4 12 is amended to read as follows:

4 13 4. ~~The For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005,~~  
4 14 ~~the total amount of tax credits that may be approved~~

4 15 ~~for the fiscal year under this chapter shall not~~  
4 16 ~~exceed twenty million dollars. For the fiscal year~~

4 17 ~~beginning July 1, 2006, and every fiscal year~~  
4 18 ~~thereafter, the~~ total amount of tax credits that may

4 19 be approved for a fiscal year under this chapter shall  
4 20 not exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars.

4 21 For the fiscal ~~years year~~ beginning ~~July 1, 2005, and~~  
4 22 July 1, 2006, an additional five hundred thousand

4 23 dollars of tax credits may be approved ~~each fiscal~~  
4 24 ~~year~~ for purposes of projects located in cultural and

4 25 entertainment districts certified pursuant to section  
4 26 303.3B. Any of the additional tax credits allocated

4 27 for projects located in certified cultural and  
4 28 entertainment districts that are not approved during a

4 29 fiscal year may be carried over to the succeeding  
4 30 fiscal year. The department of cultural affairs shall

4 31 establish by rule the procedures for the application,  
4 32 review, selection, and awarding of certifications of

4 33 completion. The departments of economic development,  
4 34 cultural affairs, and revenue shall each adopt rules

4 35 to jointly administer this subsection and shall  
4 36 provide by rule for the method to be used to determine

4 37 for which fiscal year the tax credits are available.  
4 38 Sec. 8. APPROPRIATIONS.

4 39 1. MAIN STREET PROGRAM.

4 40 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and  
4 41 ending June 30, 2006, there is appropriated from the

4 42 general fund of the state to the department of  
4 43 cultural affairs one million dollars for purposes of

4 44 the main street program.  
4 45 b. The department of economic development shall

4 46 transfer the administrative duties of the main street  
4 47 program to the department of cultural affairs. The

4 48 department of cultural affairs shall adopt rules  
4 49 pursuant to chapter 17A for purposes of administering

4 50 the program. The department of cultural affairs shall  
5 1 make the program available to cities of any size in

5 2 the state. Any approved project or activity  
5 3 originally approved by the department of economic

5 4 development under the main street program remains  
5 5 valid. The transfer of administrative duties to the

5 6 department of cultural affairs shall not constitute  
5 7 grounds for rescission or modification of main street

5 8 program contracts entered into with the department of  
5 9 economic development.

5 10 2. CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT EVENTS  
5 11 PROGRAM. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005,

5 12 and ending June 30, 2006, there is appropriated from  
5 13 the general fund of the state to the department of

5 14 economic development one million dollars for purposes  
5 15 of administering section 15E.321.

5 16 3. WORKFORCE TRAINING. For the fiscal year  
5 17 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006,

5 18 there is appropriated from the general fund of the  
5 19 state to the department of economic development

5 20 fourteen million dollars for deposit into the  
5 21 workforce training and economic development funds of

5 22 the community colleges created pursuant to section  
5 23 260C.18A.

5 24 4. LOAN AND CREDIT GUARANTEE.  
5 25 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and

5 26 ending June 30, 2006, there is appropriated from the  
5 27 general fund of the state to the department of

5 28 economic development ten million dollars for deposit  
5 29 into the loan and credit guarantee fund created

5 30 pursuant to section 15E.227.  
5 31 b. The moneys appropriated under this subsection

5 32 shall be used by the department under the loan and  
5 33 credit guarantee program for purposes of loan or

5 34 credit guarantees to small businesses in  
5 35 geographically diverse parts of the state. Within two  
5 36 years of receiving a loan or credit guarantee under

5 37 the program, a small business must provide and pay at  
5 38 least eighty percent of the cost of a standard medical  
5 39 and dental insurance plan for full-time employees. A  
5 40 small business receiving a loan or credit guarantee  
5 41 under the program shall agree to pay a median wage for  
5 42 new full-time jobs of at least thirteen dollars and  
5 43 thirty-five cents per hour indexed to 2004 dollars  
5 44 based on the gross national product implicit price  
5 45 deflator published by the bureau of economic analysis  
5 46 of the United States department of commerce or one  
5 47 hundred thirty percent of the average wage in the  
5 48 county in which the small business is located,  
5 49 whichever is higher. For purposes of this paragraph,  
5 50 "small business" means a business with less than fifty  
6 1 employees.

6 2 5. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.  
6 3 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and  
6 4 ending June 30, 2006, there is appropriated from the  
6 5 general fund of the state to Iowa state university of  
6 6 science and technology two million dollars for the  
6 7 purposes provided in paragraph "b".

6 8 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection  
6 9 shall be allocated by Iowa state university to small  
6 10 business development centers to develop and administer  
6 11 programs to assist small businesses to plan for the  
6 12 transfer of ownership of the business, including the  
6 13 transfer of all or a part of the ownership of a  
6 14 business to an employee stock ownership plan.

6 15 6. REGULATORY OMBUDSMAN OFFICE. For the fiscal  
6 16 year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006,  
6 17 there is appropriated from the general fund of the  
6 18 state to the department of economic development two  
6 19 hundred fifty thousand dollars for purposes of  
6 20 administering section 15E.316. The department may  
6 21 create three full-time equivalent positions for  
6 22 purposes of administering section 15E.316.>>>  
6 23 #2. By renumbering as necessary.

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