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**REPORT OF THE COMPUTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

November 20, 1985

The Computer Outreach Committee of the Legislative Council met at 11:30 a.m. on November 20, 1985 in Committee Room 1. The Committee reviewed staff recommendations relating to access to the legislative information system by outside users and the costs of conducting Code searches for nongovernmental bodies. The Computer Outreach Committee submits the following recommendations to the Legislative Council for its approval:

1. That a charge of \$100 be established for conducting a Code search for nongovernmental bodies.
2. That a total of 25 outside users be allowed access to the legislative information system. This represents all of those parties who submitted a request for access on or before October 18, 1985.
3. That the attached contract be approved as the agreement between the Legislative Council and an outside user for access to the legislative information system for the calendar year beginning January 1, 1986 and ending December 31, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR C. W. (BILL) HUTCHINS
Chairman

OUTSIDE USERS SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

The parties to this agreement shall be the Legislative Council and an outside user who is not a legislative agency or committee or the General Assembly or a member of the General Assembly. This agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Iowa. The purpose of this agreement is to allow access to specific information provided by the general assembly and as specified in this agreement.

METHOD OF ACCESS

Access to the legislative information system is permitted if the following conditions are met:

1. Access shall be by dial-up telephone lines.
2. Access shall be available only at times when the legislative information is available to legislative users.
3. Paying users of the legislative information system shall have access to the system via telephone lines shared with other users.
4. Outside users of the legislative information system shall not allow third parties to use the accessing capabilities to the legislative information system.
5. Outside users shall in addition to the fee charged for access to the legislative information system be responsible for all other costs incurred to communicate with the legislative information system.

EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

It is the responsibility of the outside user to provide the equipment for access to the legislative information system. The equipment standards which the outside user shall follow include the following:

1. IBM PC or compatible computer with one diskette drive and 64 KB or memory for minimum configuration. For DOS emulator coexistence, 128 KB is required.
2. Monochrome or IBM graphic adapter and display.
3. One expansion slot available for CL communication adapter board.

4. Cable for data link.

5. The emulator has been qualified on the following systems in desktop and portable models:

- a. IBM PC/-XT/PC-AT
- b. Zenith PC
- c. ITT XTRA
- d. Radio Shack 1200 HD
- e. Sperry PC
- f. Leading Edge PC
- g. COMPAQ
- h. ATT 6300
- i. Many other truly bus compatible systems

6. Dial-up synchronous modem: 600, 1200 or 2400 BAUD

7. Pep board and software.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The information available through the dial-up terminal on the legislative information system includes the following:

1. Bill history, including title, sponsors and actions.
2. House and Senate calendars.
3. Full text of bills and amendments.
4. Subject index of bills.

Access to the information specified in this paragraph shall be provided at the annual charge specified in this agreement. The Legislative Council may provide access to other legislative information in the legislative information system and may provide this additional information at no cost or at such additional cost as the Legislative Council may determine.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE

The annual subscription charge for access to the legislative information system for the calendar year beginning January 1, 1986 and ending December 31, 1986 shall be six hundred (600) dollars. The annual subscription charge shall be paid and this agreement signed prior to access to the legislative information system.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Legislative Council may, upon request of the outside user, authorize the staff of the Computer Support Bureau to cooperate with the outside user in equipment selection or resolving other problems. Contact by the outside user shall be directly with the Director of the Computer Support Bureau and the Director shall report to the Legislative Council concerning the cooperation provided to outside users. The Computer Support Bureau shall not train outside user personnel on the use and operation of the outside user's equipment.

PRIORITY OF ACCESS

Access to the legislative information system to outside users shall be granted in such a manner that the quality of service available to legislative users is not reduced. The Director of the Computer Support Bureau may limit or interrupt access to the legislative information system to outside users if the quality of service available to legislative users is reduced or impaired.

The outside user is requested to exercise discretion in the use of the legislative information system in order to permit all outside users adequate access to the system and to avoid the necessity of placing restriction on the access to the legislative information system by outside users. The Director of the Computer Support Bureau may limit or interrupt access to the legislative information system to an outside user if the quality of service to another user is reduced or impaired.

I hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the agreement and have submitted with the agreement the annual subscription charge of six hundred (600) dollars.

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