

**REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
June 7, 1990**

The Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council met on Thursday, June 7, 1990, and makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Legislative Council approve the request of the Iowa Supreme Court for a two-year study, with funding, based on the attached document, for the creation of the Supreme Court Task Force on Gender and Racial Bias. The Supreme Court will be required to submit an interim report following the first year of the study.
2. That the Legislative Council support the use of the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund (REAP) or other alternative funding available under current law, including federal funding, for capital projects by the Department of Natural Resources between July 1990, and when legislation is enacted by the 1991 General Assembly to permit expenditures for capital projects from the Fish and Wildlife Fund. The legislation is also to include a provision for the replacement of other funds used during the 1990 interim from the Fish and Game Wildlife Fund.
3. That the Legislative Council support the hiring of one Assistant Attorney General for pesticide enforcement, using federal funding if available or the Pesticide Fund if authorized by current law, with the position to be established within the Office of Attorney General, with appropriate correspondence to the Department of Management.

The Fiscal Committee received information regarding the following issues:

1. The cost of At-Risk Programs at the South Tama County School District, because of the Native Indian Settlement and the lack of funding from the federal government.
2. The bid letting administrative rules of the Department of Natural Resources, permitting approval of certain expenditures without proceeding through the bidding process.
3. The utilization review of clients/patients with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Iowa coverage in substance abuse treatment programs, with the review provided by Health Management Strategies, Inc. of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

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