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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 36)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to restrictions on the power of the division of
2 deaf services of the department of human rights to obtain
3 office space for utilization in carrying out service projects
4 for deaf persons, and providing an effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 601K.114, subsection 2, Code 1989, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Obtain without additional cost to the state available
4 office space in public and private agencies which service
5 providers may utilize in carrying out service projects for
6 deaf persons. However, if space is not available in a
7 specific service area without additional cost to the state,
8 the commission may obtain other office space which is co-
9 located with public or private agencies. The space shall be
10 obtained at the lowest cost available and the terms of the
11 lease must be approved by the director of general services.

12 Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, is
13 effective upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill relates to the powers and duties of the division
16 of deaf services of the department of human rights. It
17 provides an exception to the prohibition against using state
18 moneys to obtain office space in public and private agencies
19 for utilization in carrying out service projects for deaf
20 persons.

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS/DEAF SERVICES DIVISION BILL)

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8 This bill relates to the powers and duties of the division
9 of deaf services of the department of human rights. It
10 removes the prohibition against using state moneys to obtain
11 office space in public and private agencies for utilization in
12 carrying out service projects for deaf persons.

13 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

14 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

15 The deaf services commission of Iowa (DSCI) was previously
16 located in the department of public health until
17 reorganization when the department of human rights (DHR) was
18 created. Because the health department has offices throughout
19 the state, it was simple to obtain space within an existing
20 regional office. However, DHR is primarily located in the
21 Lucas building making it difficult and almost impossible to
22 open a regional office.

23 In 1986, DSCI opened a new regional office in Sioux City.
24 This office is at the Jewish community center and was the only
25 office out of 15 various sites that would provide space at no
26 cost. This office space is not accessible to the handicapped,
27 it is in the basement of a school, it has no air conditioning
28 and the building closes at 2:30 p.m. every Friday. DSCI is
29 currently seeking two new regional offices in Fort Dodge and
30 Davenport to house new interpreters and difficulties are
31 already being encountered. It is crucial that DSCI obtain
32 adequate office space and current language in 601K.114 is very
33 prohibitive.

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RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE POWER OF THE DIVISION OF DEAF SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO OBTAIN OFFICE SPACE FOR UTILIZATION IN CARRYING OUT SERVICE PROJECTS FOR DEAF PERSONS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

JO ANN ZIMMERMAN
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 399, Seventy-third General Assembly.

JOSEPH O'KERN
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 27, 1989

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor

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