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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
 2 BY WARNSTADT, WHITEAD, KINZER, FALCK,
 3 DOTZLER, O'BRIEN, BUKTA, DREES, SCHERRMAN,
 4 COHOON, MERTZ, REYNOLDS-KNIGHT, BELL,
 5 TAYLOR, BERNAU, MASCHER, and WITT
 6 A Concurrent Resolution providing for the establishment
 7 of a committee by the Legislative Council to conduct
 8 a study of economic development programs and recom-
 9 mend future economic development actions.
 10 WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development
 11 administers and operates numerous programs designed to
 12 encourage and improve economic development in the
 13 State of Iowa; and
 14 WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes a
 15 comprehensive study of current programs and a study of
 16 proposed future actions are necessary and in the best
 17 interests of the economic health of the citizens of
 18 the State of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,
 19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
 20 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Council shall
 21 appoint a working committee to conduct a comprehensive
 22 study of programs administered by the Department of
 23 Economic Development and make recommendations for
 24 future actions to be taken to improve the competitive
 25 economic position of the State of Iowa. The study
 26 shall include all of the following:
 27 1. Develop a list of procedures for use by the
 28 Department of Economic Development for the evaluation
 29 of existing and future economic development programs
 30 and prepare recommended guidelines for the

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1 administration and monitoring of each economic
2 development program by the department.

3 2. Identify the best means for ensuring the growth
4 and stability of the State of Iowa. This
5 identification shall include an analysis of the state
6 taxation structure as applied to businesses operating
7 in the State of Iowa.

8 3. Conduct a program analysis of each of the
9 business assistance programs in the state including
10 loans, grants, tax incentives, training, technology
11 assistance, and all other state and local business
12 assistance programs.

13 4. Compare the economic health of the State of
14 Iowa and its economic development programs with the
15 economic health and economic development programs of
16 all neighboring states.

17 5. Prepare recommendations for actions needed to
18 strengthen the competitive economic position of the
19 State of Iowa among other states; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the working committee
21 shall be composed of members of both political parties
22 and both houses of the General Assembly who are
23 members of the Senate standing Committee on Small
24 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the
25 House of Representatives standing Committee on
26 Economic Development and members who represent the
27 Department of Economic Development, the Iowa
28 Federation of Labor, economic development interest
29 groups, and other organizations and associations
30 interested in economic development; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be
2 staffed by the Legislative Service Bureau and the
3 Legislative Fiscal Bureau. The committee shall begin
4 its deliberations following the adjournment of the
5 1997 Session of the General Assembly and shall issue
6 its report of recommendations by January 1, 1998.

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