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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.

BY LAMBERTI

A Resolution to request an interim study regarding the use of community service in Iowa's criminal and juvenile justice system.

WHEREAS, the Iowa General Assembly has made community service available as part of, in addition to, or in lieu of various traditional sentencing or dispositional alternatives for criminal acts; and

WHEREAS, community service is being used by the court and the various agencies in Iowa's juvenile and adult correctional system in a wide variety of cases and for diverse purposes and populations; and

WHEREAS, other than when community services are ordered in lieu of a fine, relatively few specific standards exist regarding the purpose, amount, or appropriateness of community service work.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee consisting of members of both political parties from both houses of the general assembly to review the use of community service in the Iowa juvenile and criminal justice system. The study may include, but is not limited to, a review of the underlying public policy and purposes for permitting the use of community service, the various forms of community services in use in this state, the frequency of use of community services as an alternative or addition to other forms of punishment, the supervision of individuals required

1 to perform community services, the uniformity of  
2 practices relating to any community services  
3 requirement, and any rules or regulations which have  
4 been adopted by the state or any political subdivision  
5 of the state regarding the use or supervision of  
6 persons performing community services. The committee  
7 shall submit its findings, together with any  
8 recommendations, in a report to the General Assembly  
9 which convenes in January 1998.

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