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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
 2 BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 3 (SUCCESSOR TO HCR 18)
 4 A Concurrent Resolution requesting establishment of
 5 a legislative interim study committee to review legal,
 6 budget, and financial aspects of volunteer fire
 7 protection services, emergency medical services, and
 8 other vital services provided under the auspices of
 9 townships.

10 WHEREAS, in many communities and areas of the
 11 state, the volunteer fire protection services,
 12 emergency warning systems, and emergency medical
 13 services are provided under the township form of local
 14 government; and

15 WHEREAS, these services are deemed essential for
 16 the protection of the public and for the fostering of
 17 business investment in communities, since the
 18 provision of inadequate services or insufficient
 19 investment often constitutes a serious hindrance to
 20 economic development in communities; and

21 WHEREAS, the authority and responsibilities of
 22 townships in providing these services relative to the
 23 authority and responsibilities of cities, benefited
 24 districts, and counties are not well understood by the
 25 public, by business, and by policymakers; and

26 WHEREAS, state efforts in providing training and
 27 other support for these services are distributed among
 28 many different agencies and can be improved through
 29 better coordination; NOW THEREFORE,

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21

H-1612

- 1 Amend House Concurrent Resolution 21 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 6, by inserting after the word
- 3 "budget," the following: "governance,".
- 4 2. Page 2, line 4, by inserting after the word
- 5 "accountability," the following: "governance,".

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HCR 21

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16 exemption of volunteer fire protection services from
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