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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the review of applications for the community
2 attraction and tourism development program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 15.373, Code Supplement 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 15.373 COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
4 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE -- APPLICATION REVIEW.

5 1. A community attraction and tourism development program
6 review committee is established consisting of seven members.
7 The director shall appoint one member representing the
8 governor's strategic planning council, one member representing
9 the travel federation of Iowa, one member representing an
10 association with expertise in the vertical infrastructure
11 industry, one member representing an institution with
12 expertise in economic promotion, and one member representing
13 the professional developers of Iowa. The governor and the
14 department of transportation shall each appoint one member.

15 2. The community attraction and tourism development
16 program review committee shall review applications for
17 community attraction and tourism development fund assistance
18 and make recommendations to the department regarding the
19 applications. Upon review of the recommendations of the
20 committee, the department shall approve, defer, or deny the
21 applications.

22 3. When reviewing the applications, the community
23 attraction and tourism development program review committee
24 and the department shall consider, at a minimum, all of the
25 following:

26 1- a. Whether the wages, benefits, including health
27 benefits, safety, and other attributes of the project would
28 improve the quality of attraction and tourism employment in
29 the community.

30 2- b. The extent to which such a project would generate
31 additional attraction and tourism opportunities.

32 3- c. The ability of the project to produce a long-term
33 tax generating economic impact.

34 4- d. The location of the projects and geographic
35 diversity of the applications.

1 5: e. The extent to which any part of the proposed project
2 meets the definition of vertical infrastructure in section
3 8.57, subsection 5, paragraph "c".

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill amends the community attraction and tourism
6 development program by adding a community attraction and
7 tourism development program review committee to make an
8 initial review of applications for financial assistance under
9 the program and make recommendations to the department of
10 economic development. The bill provides that the review
11 committee shall consist of seven members with the director of
12 the department of economic development appointing one member
13 representing the governor's strategic planning council, one
14 member representing the travel federation of Iowa, one member
15 representing an association with expertise in the vertical
16 infrastructure industry, one member representing an
17 institution with expertise in economic promotion, one member
18 representing the professional developers of Iowa, and with one
19 member each appointed by the governor and the department of
20 transportation.

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