HOUSE FILE *504*

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the state department of transportation to
2   conduct a study on the use of corn-based de-icers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1   Section 1. STUDY OF THE USE OF CORN-BASED DE-ICERS. The
2 state department of transportation shall study, make
3 recommendations regarding, and conduct testing on the use of
4 corn-based de-icers on the highways of this state. The study
5 shall be conducted in the following eight counties in northern
6 Iowa, known as region 2: Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin,
7 Hancock, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, and Worth. The
8 department shall study the feasibility of using corn-based de-
9 icers and the benefits and detriments of such use to highways,
10 road construction and maintenance equipment, vehicles, and the
11 environment. The department shall also study the costs
12 involved with the use of corn-based de-icers and the equipment
13 needed for such use. On or before September 1, 2003, the
14 department shall submit a report to the general assembly
15 concerning the results of the study and the findings and
16 recommendations of the department.
17   EXPLANATION
18   This bill directs the state department of transportation to
19 conduct a study, make recommendations regarding, and conduct
20 testing on the use of corn-based de-icers on highways in the
21 state. The study is to be conducted in the eight counties in
22 northern Iowa known as region 2 and is to include the benefits
23 and detriments of the use of the de-icers to highways, road
24 construction and maintenance equipment, vehicles, and the
25 environment. The department shall also study the costs
26 involved and the equipment needed for the use of de-icers.
27 The department is to report to the general assembly the
28 results of the study by September 1, 2003.
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