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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act to provided for a science center study and plan by the  
2 department of economic development and making an  
3 appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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*HF 598*

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. There is  
 2 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
 3 department of economic development for the fiscal year  
 4 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, the  
 5 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 6 used for the costs of conducting a science center study and  
 7 developing a plan based upon the study results to increase  
 8 access to science center activities:

9 ..... \$ 50,000

10 The department of economic development shall conduct a  
 11 study of the demand for science centers that are easily  
 12 accessible to the residents of, and to the tourists traveling  
 13 through, this state; the needs of current science centers  
 14 within the state; the educational and economic benefits of  
 15 science centers; the feasibility of launching traveling  
 16 science centers; and the current and future funding needs of  
 17 science centers. The department shall develop a plan to  
 18 increase access to science center activities within the state  
 19 based on the study findings. The department may use the funds  
 20 appropriated pursuant to this section to enter into contracts  
 21 or chapter 28E agreements with political subdivisions, other  
 22 state departments or state institutions, or other persons in  
 23 the local communities to assist in developing a plan. The  
 24 plan shall consider the interests of the local communities in  
 25 providing for economic development, educational interests, the  
 26 mix of state and local funding to implement a plan, and the  
 27 effect of the plan upon state and local resources. The  
 28 department of economic development shall submit the plan in a  
 29 report to the governor and the chairpersons and ranking  
 30 members of the senate and house standing committees on  
 31 economic development and the joint subcommittee on economic  
 32 development on or before January 15, 2000.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill directs the department of economic development to  
 35 conduct a study of the demand for science centers that are

1 easily accessible to the residents of, and to the tourists  
2 traveling through, this state; the needs of current science  
3 centers within the state; the educational and economic  
4 benefits of science centers; the feasibility of launching  
5 traveling science centers; and the current and future funding  
6 needs of science centers.

7 The bill appropriates \$50,000 for fiscal year 1999-2000 to  
8 the department for conducting the study and for the  
9 development of a plan to increase access to science center  
10 activities within the state. The plan is to consider the  
11 interests of the local communities in providing for economic  
12 development, educational interests, the mix of state and local  
13 funding to implement a plan, and the effect of the plan upon  
14 state and local resources.

15 The department of economic development shall submit the  
16 plan in a report to the governor and the chairpersons and  
17 ranking members of the senate and house standing committees on  
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