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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to a proposal by the department of cultural  
2 affairs concerning the establishment of an Iowa freedom trail  
3 program.

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

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HF 689

1 Section 1. IOWA FREEDOM TRAIL STUDY. The department of  
2 cultural affairs shall prepare a proposal with cost estimates  
3 to explore the establishment of an Iowa freedom trail program  
4 designed to preserve and commemorate the underground railroad  
5 and educate the public on issues related to the underground  
6 railroad and antislavery campaign in Iowa. The department  
7 shall explore the possibility of securing the cooperation and  
8 assistance of the national park service in developing and  
9 implementing the program. The program would assist in  
10 locating, identifying, and preserving sites, routes, and other  
11 resources located in the state which served a function in the  
12 underground railroad and antislavery campaign in the state.  
13 The program would identify and recognize any citizens of the  
14 state who were instrumental in the underground railroad and  
15 antislavery campaign. The department shall submit a report on  
16 the proposal, and make recommendations, to the general  
17 assembly by January 1, 2000.

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## EXPLANATION

19 This bill requires that the department of cultural affairs  
20 shall prepare a proposal with cost estimates to explore the  
21 establishment of an Iowa freedom trail program. The bill  
22 provides that the department shall explore the possibility of  
23 securing the cooperation and assistance of the national park  
24 service in developing and implementing a program. The bill  
25 provides that the program would assist in locating,  
26 identifying, and preserving sites, routes, and other resources  
27 located in the state which served a function in the  
28 underground railroad and antislavery campaign in the state,  
29 and identify and recognize any citizens of the state who were  
30 instrumental in the underground railroad and antislavery  
31 campaign. The department shall submit a report on the  
32 proposal to the general assembly by January 1, 2000.

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AN ACT  
RELATED TO A PROPOSAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IOWA FREEDOM TRAIL  
PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. IOWA FREEDOM TRAIL STUDY. The department of cultural affairs shall prepare a proposal with cost estimates to explore the establishment of an Iowa freedom trail program designed to preserve and commemorate the underground railroad and educate the public on issues related to the underground railroad and antislavery campaign in Iowa. The department shall explore the possibility of securing the cooperation and assistance of the national park service in developing and implementing the program. The program would assist in locating, identifying, and preserving sites, routes, and other resources located in the state which served a function in the underground railroad and antislavery campaign in the state. The program would identify and recognize any citizens of the state who were instrumental in the underground railroad and antislavery campaign. The department shall submit a report on

the proposal, and make recommendations, to the general assembly by January 1, 2000.

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RON J. CORBETT  
Speaker of the House

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 689, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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ELIZABETH ISAACSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 14, 1999

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
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