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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

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A Senate Concurrent Resolution requesting that the Legislative Council authorize a legislative interim study to plan for the growing long-term care needs of Iowans.

WHEREAS, with the aging of Iowans born between 1946 through 1964, who are members of the large population group known as the "baby boomers," there will be significant growth in the numbers of people with long-term care service needs; and

WHEREAS, because the state-federal Medicaid program is the major source of public funding for long-term care services and the cost per elderly person in this program is much greater than for persons who are children and young adults, consequently, any increases in the need for long-term care services may be expected to greatly increase Medicaid expenditures; and

WHEREAS, many members of the public prefer long-term care options that support independence, provide choices, promote inclusion of persons in the community, and are affordable without public assistance; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Legislative Council is requested to authorize an interim study committee to plan for the growing long-term care needs of Iowans. If the committee is authorized, it should be directed to consider the factors leading to the

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1 growth in need for long-term care, address public
2 preferences for care which allows independence and
3 community involvement and provides an array of care
4 options, evaluate options to support private financing
5 of long-term care, develop proposals to manage growth
6 in the Medicaid program for long-term care services,
7 and weigh other proposals to address long-term care
8 service and financing needs.

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