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MEMORANDUM



DATE: January 11, 2000

TO: Members of the 78th Iowa General Assembly

FROM: Kathryn Burt, Chair Charlotte Nelson, Executive Director Iowa Commission on the Status of Women

RE: Pre-filed Bill

The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women has received testimony from coordinators of displaced homemaker programs at community colleges regarding the negative impact of the 24month limit on education and training for Family Investment Program participants. What is now being experienced by participants is their having to exit an education or training program prior to completion, to take a low-paying job. Frequently, remedial courses are necessary, and the 24 months are exhausted shortly before the student completes a program that would prepare her (or him) for a higher-paying job. The road to self-sufficiency is through such education and training, and 36 months out of a consecutive 48 months would make the difference. A goal stated in the Governor's 21st Century Workforce Council's report is "to provide opportunities for education and training to enhance the earning potential of all Iowa citizens."

The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women at its meeting on October 25, 1999 voted to request a pre-filed bill making the change from a 24-month limit to a 36-month limit.



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