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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an Iowa products of high quality commission.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15F.1 COMMISSION CREATED --
2 MEMBERSHIP.

3 1. An Iowa products of high quality commission is created.

4 2. The membership of the commission shall consist of the
5 following eleven members:

6 a. The director of the department of economic development
7 or the director's designee. The director shall serve as the
8 chairperson of the commission.

9 b. Six persons appointed by the governor, subject to
10 confirmation by the senate. The members shall be appointed to
11 four-year staggered terms as designated by the governor and
12 until their successors are appointed. Vacancies shall be
13 filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term
14 of the original appointee.

15 c. Four members of the general assembly, with not more
16 than one member from each chamber being from the same
17 political party as the other member of that chamber. The two
18 senators shall be designated by the president of the senate
19 after consultation with the majority and minority leaders of
20 the senate. The two representatives shall be designated by
21 the speaker of the house of representatives after consultation
22 with the majority and minority leaders of the house of
23 representatives. Legislative members shall serve in an ex
24 officio, nonvoting capacity. Legislative members shall be
25 appointed to four-year terms of office, two of which shall
26 expire every two years. A legislative commission member's
27 position shall be deemed vacant if the member ceases to be a
28 member of the general assembly. A vacancy shall be filled by
29 appointment in the same manner as the original appointment for
30 the unexpired term of the predecessor. A legislative member
31 is eligible for per diem and expenses as provided in section
32 2.10.

33 d. All appointments shall comply with sections 69.16 and
34 69.16A. The term of office of each appointive member of the
35 commission shall begin and end as provided in section 69.19.

1 3. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.

2 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 15F.2 POWERS AND DUTIES.

3 The commission shall:

4 1. Design and establish an "Iowa product of high quality"
5 logo.

6 2. Adopt rules establishing a procedure for the commission
7 to certify a product manufactured or produced in the state as
8 a high quality product.

9 3. Adopt rules establishing a procedure for the commission
10 to regulate the display or advertisement of the "Iowa product
11 of high quality" logo on a product certified under this
12 chapter.

13 4. Adopt rules establishing a procedure for the commission
14 to decertify a product certified under this chapter and for a
15 manufacturer or producer to appeal the decertification.

16 5. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for administering
17 this chapter.

18 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 15F.3 MEETINGS -- RECORDS.

19 1. The commission shall meet quarterly and at other times
20 as necessary. All meetings of the commission at which public
21 business is discussed or formal action is taken shall comply
22 with the requirements of chapter 21.

23 2. The commission shall keep and maintain its records as
24 public records pursuant to chapter 22.

25 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 15F.4 ORGANIZATION -- LOCATION --
26 STAFF.

27 The commission is attached to the department of economic
28 development for organizational purposes and may accept
29 technical and operational assistance from the staff of the
30 department. The commission shall maintain offices within the
31 department's offices.

32 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 15F.5 REPORTS.

33 The commission shall submit an annual report by January 15
34 of each year to the governor, the general assembly, and the
35 department of economic development. The report shall provide

1 a detailed account of commission activities during the
2 previous calendar year, a list of all products currently
3 certified by the commission, and a list of all products
4 decertified by the commission.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill creates an Iowa products of high quality
7 commission consisting of 11 members. The bill provides for
8 the governor to appoint six members who shall serve four-year
9 staggered terms. The bill provides that four members of the
10 general assembly, with not more than one member from each
11 chamber being from the same political party, shall be
12 commission members for four-year terms. The bill provides
13 that the director of the department of economic development
14 shall be a commission member and shall serve as the
15 chairperson of the commission.

16 The bill provides that the commission shall design and
17 establish a "Iowa product of high quality" logo, adopt rules
18 establishing a procedure to certify and decertify a product
19 manufactured or produced in the state as a high quality
20 product, adopt rules establishing a procedure for appealing a
21 decertification, and adopt rules establishing a procedure for
22 regulating the display or advertisement of the "Iowa product
23 of high quality" logo.

24 The bill provides that the commission shall hold quarterly
25 meetings and at other times as necessary, shall be attached to
26 the department of economic development for organizational
27 purposes, shall maintain offices within the department's
28 offices, shall be staffed by the department, and shall submit
29 an annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and
30 the department of economic development regarding the
31 activities of the commission, activities during the previous
32 calendar year, and all products certified or decertified.

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**SENATE FILE 357
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for Senate File 357 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 357 creates an Iowa Products of High Quality Commission. The Commission's purpose would be to certify a product manufactured or produced in the State as a high quality product.

FISCAL IMPACT

The General Fund fiscal impact of Senate File 357 would be an increased cost to the Department of Economic Development of \$136,000 and 1.00 FTE position in FY 2000 and \$62,000 and 1.00 FTE position in FY 2001 and subsequent fiscal years. The increased cost is associated with administrative support and marketing for the new Commission. Companies participating in the Commission's programs would pay an annual fee of \$150. The fee is projected to generate \$15,000 in FY 2000 and \$30,000 each year thereafter. The \$136,000 fiscal impact for FY 2000 and the \$62,000 cost in FY 2001 are net of fee revenues.

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