

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116

2 BY HAMMOND, FIEGEN, and DVORSKY

3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the legislative
4 council to create, in consultation with the judicial
5 branch and the governor, a task force to study
6 options for restructuring Iowa's state and local
7 governments.

8 WHEREAS, various options have been suggested for
9 restructuring Iowa's state and local governments and
10 are deserving of further discussion and review; and

11 WHEREAS, although improvements in communication and
12 transportation can be used to reshape government
13 processes and enhance efficiency, thoughtful
14 consideration is needed in order to ensure necessary
15 services continue to be provided in a manner that is
16 convenient to Iowans, particularly in rural areas; NOW
17 THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the legislative
20 council is requested to create, in consultation with
21 the judicial branch and the governor, a task force
22 with members representing the range of interests to
23 study options for restructuring Iowa's state and local
24 governments, and to review existing and proposed
25 organizational systems including but not limited to
26 townships, public schools, city-county charter
27 options, and geographic approaches such as regions,
28 districts, catchment areas, and services areas; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force be
30 directed to submit a report with findings, options,

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1 and recommendations for consideration during the 2003
2 legislative session and to strive for balance in
3 addressing the policy objectives of improving
4 government efficiency and preserving rural culture and
5 access to vital government services, while ensuring
6 that necessary services are provided throughout the
7 state in a manner that is convenient to Iowans.

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