

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. III

2 BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

3 (SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3150)

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5 Council to establish an interim study committee to  
6 examine the costs and benefits of Iowa joining  
7 the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

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10 WHEREAS, Iowa's skyrocketing postsecondary  
11 education costs, while keeping pace with the rising  
12 tuition costs at public postsecondary institutions in  
13 many other states, are reducing the accessibility and  
14 affordability that Iowans have come to expect from  
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16 WHEREAS, the mission of the Midwestern Higher  
17 Education Compact is to promote interstate cooperation  
18 and resource sharing in higher education among  
19 Midwestern states; and

20 WHEREAS, states that are members of the compact  
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22 while attracting students from other states; NOW  
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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 111**

**S-5053**

1 Amend Senate Concurrent Resolution 111 as follows:  
2 1. Page 2, line 24, by striking the figure "2005"  
3 and inserting the following: "2004".

**By NANCY BOETTGER**

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