

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149
2 BY TINSMAN, MILLER, and BRUNKHORST
3 A Resolution requesting the establishment of a
4 committee to study and make recommendations
5 related to the use of inmate labor for repair or
6 improvement projects at state institutions.
7 WHEREAS, inmate labor is currently used for repair
8 or improvement projects at state institutions if the
9 estimated cost of the project is less than \$25,000;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, there is potentially a great need for
12 repair or improvement projects at state institutions;
13 NOW THEREFORE,
14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative
15 council is requested to establish an interim study
16 committee to study and make recommendations regarding
17 the use of inmate labor for repair or improvement
18 projects at state institutions. The charge of the
19 committee shall include, but is not limited to,
20 reviewing the overall need for repair or improvement
21 projects at state institutions, the types of labor
22 necessary to complete any repair or improvement
23 projects, and whether inmate labor is capable of
24 performing the necessary repair or improvement. The
25 committee shall also review the impact on contractors,
26 local businesses, and the overall workforce, if inmate
27 labor is used on such repairs or improvements at state
28 institutions.
29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the
30 committee should include a representative of the

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1 master builders of Iowa, the associated general
2 contractors of Iowa, and the department of
3 corrections, a representative of a labor organization,
4 and members of the general assembly.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study
6 committee shall report its findings and
7 recommendations to the general assembly by December
8 15, 2004.

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