

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173

BY REDFERN

1 A Resolution requesting the establishment of an interim
2 committee to study and make recommendations related to
3 the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle
4 while intoxicated.

5 WHEREAS, operating a motor vehicle while
6 intoxicated is a serious criminal offense; and

7 WHEREAS, the criminal penalties for first, second,
8 and third degree operating-while-intoxicated offenses
9 are complex, which necessitates the need to uniformly
10 and consistently enforce such penalties throughout the
11 state; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative
13 council is requested to establish an interim study
14 committee to review the criminal penalties provided
15 for operating-while-intoxicated offenses. The charge
16 of the committee shall include, but is not limited to,
17 reviewing the uniformity and consistency of operating-
18 while-intoxicated enforcement, including statewide
19 application of the law for offenders charged with a
20 first, second, or third offense, and for offenders
21 with multiple pending charges for operating while
22 intoxicated. The committee shall study methods in
23 other states and in Iowa to determine the most
24 effective methods to reduce recidivism. The committee
25 shall also review any federal law or pending federal
26 law changes related to operating-while-intoxicated
27 offenses.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the
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RULES & ADMINISTRATION

1 interim study committee shall include five members of
2 the senate and five members of the house of
3 representatives. The members of the interim study
4 committee shall also include a representative of the
5 department of transportation, the department of public
6 safety, the county attorneys association, the supreme
7 court, mothers against drunk driving, and a
8 representative of distributors of ignition interlock
9 devices. The study committee is requested to file
10 recommendations regarding any changes to current Iowa
11 law with the general assembly by December 15, 2004.

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