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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

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2 BY COURTNEY, DOTZLER, HORN, DEARDEN, BEALL,  
3 STEWART, DVORSKY, CONNOLLY, GRONSTAL, BOLKCOM,  
4 McCOY, KIBBIE, BLACK, RAGAN, SENG, WARNSTADT,  
5 KREIMAN, FRAISE, HOLVECK, HATCH, and QUIRMBACH  
6 A Resolution requesting an interim study regarding  
7 the economic, fiscal, and social impact of  
8 the establishment of a living wage in Iowa.  
9 WHEREAS, the federal poverty threshold for a family  
10 of four is \$18,400; and  
11 WHEREAS, an individual would have to earn an hourly  
12 wage of \$8.85 to maintain a family of four at the  
13 federal poverty threshold; and  
14 WHEREAS, the federal minimum wage for covered,  
15 nonexempt employees is \$5.15 per hour; and  
16 WHEREAS, a person earning the minimum wage would  
17 have a yearly income of \$10,712; and  
18 WHEREAS, more than 100,000 Iowans earn at or near  
19 the minimum wage; and  
20 WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that  
21 independence and dignity come with earning a living  
22 wage; NOW THEREFORE,  
23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Legislative  
24 Council is requested to establish an interim committee  
25 to review the economic, fiscal, and social impact of  
26 the establishment of a living wage in Iowa; and  
27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the  
28 interim committee include representatives of labor  
29 organizations and small and large businesses,  
30 authorities representing the appropriate fields of

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1 study employed by the institutions of higher learning  
2 under the control of the state board of regents, and  
3 members of the General Assembly equally representing  
4 the Senate and the House of Representatives and both  
5 political parties; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee  
7 submit a report of its findings and recommendations  
8 relating to the impact of the establishment of a  
9 living wage in Iowa to the General Assembly by  
10 December 15, 2003.

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