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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3246)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an Iowa food policy council.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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19 b. Barriers that limit the access of local businesses to
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26 marketing activities.

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34 link actors at each stage of the local food infrastructure
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3 infrastructure.

4 g. Strategies to link consumers to a growing local food
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6 2. The council shall be composed of all of the following:

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10 designee.

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18 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
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33 carrying out its functions.

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35 agricultural law center at Drake university. To every extent

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7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill relates to Iowa's food policy, including by
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- 1 Amend Senate File 2332 as follows:
2 1. Page 3, line 7, by striking the word "Four"
3 and inserting the following: "Seven".
4 2. Page 3, by inserting after line 16, the
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6 "() The director of the department of education
7 or the director's designee.
8 "() The director of the Iowa department of elder
9 affairs or the director's designee.
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12 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By JACK HATCH

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