

# House Resolution 125 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY FORD  
1 3 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to  
1 4 authorize a study committee for the 2008 interim  
1 5 to review the use of psychostimulant medications  
1 6 for treating attention-deficit hyperactivity  
1 7 disorder (ADHD) in children.  
1 8 WHEREAS, ADHD is a chronic disorder afflicting  
1 9 children with problems of inattention, hyperactivity,  
1 10 and impulsive behavior; and  
1 11 WHEREAS, children with ADHD often struggle with low  
1 12 self-esteem, troubled personal relationships, and poor  
1 13 performance in school or at work; and  
1 14 WHEREAS, psychostimulant medications are often  
1 15 prescribed for treatment of children with ADHD and  
1 16 include methylphenidate (brand names ritalin and  
1 17 concerta), dextroamphetamine/amphetamine (brand name  
1 18 adderall), and dextroamphetamine (brand name  
1 19 dexedrine); and  
1 20 WHEREAS, the most common side effects from using  
1 21 psychostimulant medications include decreased  
1 22 appetite, corresponding weight loss, nervousness, and  
1 23 problems sleeping, and some children experience  
1 24 irritability and increased activity; and  
1 25 WHEREAS, some parents and advocates for children  
1 26 have raised concerns that psychostimulant medications  
1 27 may be overused and some parents have been pressured  
1 28 to seek such a prescription for their child by adults  
1 29 who deal with that child; and  
1 30 WHEREAS, psychostimulants may cause feelings in  
2 1 users similar to that of amphetamines and cocaine and  
2 2 could lead to addiction to those drugs later in life,  
2 3 and there may be permanent brain changes caused by the  
2 4 long-term use of psychostimulants that are similar to  
2 5 the changes caused by the long-term use of illegal  
2 6 stimulants; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 8 That the legislative council is requested to authorize  
2 9 a study committee for the 2008 interim to review the  
2 10 use of psychostimulant medications for treating ADHD  
2 11 in children and to identify the extent of the usage of  
2 12 the medication among children in Iowa and the  
2 13 relationship between that use and diagnoses of ADHD.  
2 14 LSB 6358YH 82  
2 15 jp/nh/8