

Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY BLACK and ZAUN
1 3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the establishment
1 4 of an interim study committee by the legislative
1 5 council to conduct a study of issues related to
1 6 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
1 7 WHEREAS, the State recognizes that amyotrophic
1 8 lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as "Lou Gehrig's
1 9 disease", is a fatal neurodegenerative disease
1 10 characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the
1 11 lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior
1 12 horns of the spinal cord; and
1 13 WHEREAS, research indicates that military veterans
1 14 are at a 50 percent greater risk of developing ALS
1 15 than those who have not served in the military; and
1 16 WHEREAS, concern has also been expressed by
1 17 citizens of this state regarding long-term care and
1 18 oversight of patients suffering from ALS; and
1 19 WHEREAS, the general assembly believes that a
1 20 comprehensive study of issues related to ALS is
1 21 necessary and in the best interest of the citizens of
1 22 the State of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,
1 23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
1 24 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the legislative
1 25 council is requested to establish an interim study
1 26 committee to conduct a comprehensive study of issues
1 27 concerning the long-term care and oversight of
1 28 patients suffering from ALS; and
1 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study
1 30 committee should be composed of nine legislative
2 1 members consisting of members from both political
2 2 parties and both houses of the general assembly, in
2 3 addition to four other members consisting of a
2 4 neurologist, a person affected by ALS, a social
2 5 worker, and a representative from a national voluntary
2 6 health association that focuses solely on ALS and that
2 7 has demonstrated experience in ALS research, care, and
2 8 patient services; and
2 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be
2 10 staffed by the legislative services agency and shall
2 11 issue its report of recommendations by January 1,
2 12 2008.
2 13 LSB 2908SS 82
2 14 jr:nh/es/88.1