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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an international trade and globalization advisory
2 council.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2D.5 INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
1 2 GLOBALIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.
1 3 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSES. An international trade and
1 4 globalization advisory council is created to assess and
1 5 monitor the legal and economic impacts of international
1 6 agreements, international trade, and globalization on state
1 7 and local laws. In assessing and monitoring such impacts, the
1 8 council shall examine labor and workforce issues, human rights
1 9 and working conditions, economic and environmental justice,
1 10 the general business and regulatory environment, and the
1 11 preservation of state sovereignty. The council shall make
1 12 public policy recommendations to the general assembly, the
1 13 governor, Iowa's congressional delegation, and the people of
1 14 Iowa on ways to protect the state's economy, environment, and
1 15 sovereignty from the negative impacts of trade agreements and
1 16 globalization.
1 17 2. MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP. The council shall elect a
1 18 chairperson who shall convene the council at least twice
1 19 annually, and the membership of the council shall consist of
1 20 the following members:
1 21 a. The director of the department of economic development,
1 22 or the director's designee.
1 23 b. The director of the department of workforce
1 24 development, or the director's designee.
1 25 c. The director of the department of natural resources, or
1 26 the director's designee.
1 27 d. The attorney general, or the attorney general's
1 28 designee.
1 29 e. An economist, appointed by the governor.
1 30 f. One member representing organized labor, appointed by
1 31 the governor.
1 32 g. One member representing the business community,
1 33 appointed by the governor.
1 34 h. One member representing the agricultural community,
1 35 appointed by the governor.
2 1 i. One member representing the environmental protection
2 2 community, appointed by the governor.
2 3 j. One member representing the regents institutions,
2 4 appointed by the governor.
2 5 k. Four members serving in an ex officio, nonvoting
2 6 capacity, appointed as follows:
2 7 (1) One member of the senate, appointed by the majority
2 8 leader of the senate.
2 9 (2) One member of the senate, appointed by the minority
2 10 leader of the senate.
2 11 (3) One member of the house of representatives, appointed
2 12 by the speaker of the house of representatives.
2 13 (4) One member of the house of representatives, appointed
2 14 by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
2 15 3. TERMS AND EXPENSES.
2 16 a. The members of the council appointed by the governor
2 17 shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms beginning
2 18 and ending as provided in section 69.19. A vacancy on the
2 19 council shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same

2 20 manner as the original appointment was made.

2 21 b. The members of the council shall be reimbursed for
2 22 actual and necessary travel and related expenses incurred in
2 23 the discharge of official duties. Each member of the council
2 24 may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in
2 25 section 7E.6.

2 26 c. A majority of the voting members of the council
2 27 constitutes a quorum, and a majority of the total voting
2 28 membership of the council is necessary to act in any matter
2 29 within the jurisdiction of the council.

2 30 4. POWERS AND DUTIES.

2 31 a. The council shall hold public hearings at various
2 32 places throughout the state in order to hear public testimony
2 33 and recommendations from the people of the state and from
2 34 qualified experts.

2 35 b. The council shall conduct an annual assessment of the
3 1 impacts of international trade agreements on the state laws,
3 2 economy, workforce, and sovereignty and shall by December 31
3 3 of each year make an annual report of the council's assessment
3 4 to the governor and the general assembly.

3 5 c. The council shall maintain active communications with
3 6 government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses
3 7 regarding developments in international trade and
3 8 globalization.

3 9 d. The council may recommend legislation to the general
3 10 assembly.

3 11 e. The council may make a recommendation as to whether the
3 12 general assembly should consent to be bound by an existing or
3 13 pending international trade agreement.

3 14 f. The council may seek and accept outside funding to
3 15 fulfill the council's duties.

3 16 EXPLANATION

3 17 This bill establishes an advisory council on international
3 18 trade and globalization.

3 19 The bill creates the council, provides for the appointment
3 20 of certain state officials and members of the public to serve
3 21 on the council, directs the council to hold public hearings,
3 22 requires the council to assess and monitor developments in
3 23 trade and globalization, and requires the council to make an
3 24 annual report to the governor and the general assembly
3 25 containing its assessment.

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