

House File 452 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a study of the economic,
2 fiscal, and social impact of the living wage in Iowa.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2587HH 83
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1 1 Section 1. LIVING WAGE IMPACT STUDY. If funding is
1 2 approved or appropriated to the state board of regents for
1 3 such purposes, Iowa state university shall conduct a study
1 4 regarding the economic, fiscal, and social impacts of
1 5 establishing the living wage, also known as the
1 6 self-sufficiency wage, in Iowa. The study shall consider a
1 7 living wage with employer-provided health insurance and a
1 8 living wage without employer-provided health insurance. An
1 9 Iowa state university sociology professor, an Iowa state
1 10 university human development and family studies professor, and
1 11 an Iowa state university economics professor, all who
1 12 specialize in this area, shall conduct and coordinate the
1 13 study.
1 14 The department of workforce development, the department of
1 15 economic development, the department of human services, the
1 16 university of Iowa, the university of northern Iowa, the child
1 17 and family policy center, the Iowa policy project, and
1 18 representatives of labor organizations and associations
1 19 representing business and industry shall cooperate in
1 20 conducting the study.
1 21 Iowa state university shall submit a report about the
1 22 findings of the study to the general assembly by December 18,
1 23 2009.

EXPLANATION

1 24 This bill directs Iowa state university, contingent upon
1 25 funding, to conduct a study regarding the economic, fiscal,
1 26 and social effects that a living wage, or self-sufficiency
1 27 wage, would have in Iowa. The study shall consider a living
1 28 wage with employer-provided health insurance and a living wage
1 29 without employer-provided health insurance. Three Iowa state
1 30 university professors with specialized knowledge in this area
1 31 shall conduct and coordinate the study.

1 32 The bill requires that the department of workforce
1 33 development, department of economic development, department of
1 34 human resources, the university of Iowa, the university of
2 1 northern Iowa, the child and family policy center, the Iowa
2 2 policy project, and representatives of labor organizations and
2 3 business and industry associations also participate in the
2 4 study.

2 5 A report on the study's findings is due to the legislature
2 6 by December 18, 2009.

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