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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle emission standards.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INTERIM STUDY. The  
1 2 legislative council is requested to establish an interim study  
1 3 committee to examine motor vehicle emission standards  
1 4 including whether adoption of the California motor vehicle  
1 5 emissions standards is a best practice for the state of Iowa,  
1 6 how to increase the fuel efficiency of motor vehicles in the  
1 7 state, and what the consumer cost savings are related to  
1 8 increasing the fuel efficiency of motor vehicles in the state.  
1 9 The interim study committee should develop a state directive  
1 10 aimed at adopting motor vehicle emission standards that exceed  
1 11 federal standards and making Iowa a national leader in low  
1 12 usage of carbon fuels. The committee shall be composed of ten  
1 13 members, representing both political parties and both houses  
1 14 of the general assembly. Five members shall be members of the  
1 15 senate, three of whom shall be appointed by the majority  
1 16 leader of the senate and two of whom shall be appointed by the  
1 17 minority leader of the senate. The other five members shall  
1 18 be members of the house of representatives, three of whom  
1 19 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
1 20 representatives, and two of whom shall be appointed by the  
1 21 minority leader of the house of representatives. The  
1 22 committee shall issue a report of its recommendations to the  
1 23 general assembly by January 15, 2010.

1 24 Sec. 2. FEASIBILITY STUDY. The office of energy  
1 25 independence shall conduct a feasibility study to assess the  
1 26 cost savings if Iowa were to adopt the California motor  
1 27 vehicle emissions standards or corporate average fuel economy  
1 28 standards that are more stringent than those adopted by the  
1 29 national highway traffic safety administration. The office  
1 30 shall submit the findings of the study to the general assembly  
1 31 by October 1, 2009.

1 32 Sec. 3. LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARDS STUDY. The office of  
1 33 energy independence shall conduct a study to assess and make  
1 34 recommendations regarding the adoption of a low carbon fuel  
1 35 standard. The office shall submit the findings of the study  
2 1 to the general assembly by October 1, 2009.

### EXPLANATION

2 2 This bill relates to motor vehicle emission standards.

2 3 The bill requests the legislative council to establish an  
2 4 interim study committee to examine motor vehicle emission  
2 5 standards.

2 6 standards.  
2 7 The bill requires the office of energy independence to  
2 8 conduct a feasibility study to assess the cost savings if Iowa  
2 9 were to adopt the California motor vehicle emissions standards  
2 10 or corporate average fuel economy standards that are more  
2 11 stringent than those adopted by the national highway traffic  
2 12 safety administration.

2 13 The bill also requires the office of energy independence to  
2 14 conduct a study to assess and make recommendations regarding  
2 15 the adoption of a low carbon fuel standard.

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