

**House Study Bill 550 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning fine arts projects in state buildings.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 304A.10, Code 2009, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **304A.10 Cost of fine arts — percentage.**

4 The total estimated cost of the fine arts elements included  
5 in a plan and specifications for a state building or group  
6 of state buildings in accordance with the purposes of this  
7 division shall in no case be less than one-half of one percent  
8 of the total estimated cost of such building or group of  
9 buildings. This percentage allocation shall not be diminished  
10 by professional fees. By September 1 annually, the contracting  
11 officer or principal user shall submit to the department of  
12 cultural affairs the total amount of state financial assistance  
13 expended in accordance with this section during the previous  
14 fiscal year. If deemed in the best interests of the citizens,  
15 funds allocated for the acquisition of fine arts may be  
16 accumulated over more than one appropriation or fiscal period  
17 or combined to complete significant projects, ~~however, this~~  
18 ~~sentence does not authorize interproject transfers. The~~  
19 ~~total estimated cost of the fine arts elements included in~~  
20 ~~a plan and specifications for a state building or group of~~  
21 ~~state buildings in accordance with this section shall be~~  
22 ~~included by the department of cultural affairs in calculating~~  
23 ~~the amount of state financial assistance for the arts for~~  
24 ~~purposes of national ranking surveys.~~ By January 1 annually,  
25 the department of cultural affairs shall submit a summary of  
26 the total amount of state financial assistance expended in  
27 accordance with this section and for which state buildings the  
28 assistance was expended.

29 Sec. 2. Section 304A.12, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 **304A.12 Separate contract.**

32 Contracts for the fine arts elements shall be executed  
33 within the limits of the actual costs as determined by section  
34 304A.10. Funds shall be transferred to the arts division for  
35 administration of the program. All expenses related to the

1 acquisition of the fine arts elements shall be contracted for  
2 separately by the ~~arts division~~ contracting agency or principal  
3 user with the funds allocated for these purposes.

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EXPLANATION

5 This bill concerns fine arts projects in state buildings.

6 Code section 304A.10, concerning fine arts costs, is amended  
7 to allow interproject transfers of moneys allocated for fine  
8 arts projects and to eliminate the requirement that the arts  
9 division of the department of cultural affairs use a certain  
10 method of calculating the amount of state financial assistance  
11 for the arts for purposes of national ranking surveys.

12 Code section 304A.12 is amended to provide that the  
13 contracting agency or principal user, and not the arts  
14 division, is required to separately contract for expenses  
15 related to the acquisition of fine arts elements.