

# House Study Bill 592 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON REBUILD IOWA AND  
DISASTER RECOVERY BILL  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing smart planning principles, establishing  
2 guidelines for the adoption of certain comprehensive plans  
3 and land development regulations, and providing for the  
4 establishment of a smart planning task force.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 18B.1 Iowa smart planning  
2 principles.

3 State agencies, local governments, and other public entities  
4 shall consider and may apply the following principles during  
5 deliberation of all appropriate planning, zoning, development,  
6 and resource management decisions:

7 1. *Collaboration.* Governmental, community, and individual  
8 stakeholders, including those outside the jurisdiction of the  
9 entity, are encouraged to be involved and provide comment  
10 during deliberation of planning, zoning, development, and  
11 resource management decisions and during implementation of such  
12 decisions. The state agency, local government, or other public  
13 entity is encouraged to develop and implement a strategy to  
14 facilitate such participation.

15 2. *Efficiency, transparency, and consistency.* Planning,  
16 zoning, development, and resource management should be  
17 undertaken to provide efficient, transparent, and consistent  
18 outcomes. Individuals, communities, regions, and governmental  
19 entities should share in the responsibility to promote the  
20 equitable distribution of development benefits and costs.

21 3. *Clean, renewable, and efficient energy.* Planning, zoning,  
22 development, and resource management should be undertaken to  
23 promote clean and renewable energy use and increased energy  
24 efficiency.

25 4. *Occupational diversity.* Planning, zoning, development,  
26 and resource management should promote increased diversity  
27 of employment and business opportunities, promote access to  
28 education and training, expand entrepreneurial opportunities,  
29 and promote the establishment of businesses in locations near  
30 existing housing, infrastructure, and transportation.

31 5. *Revitalization.* Planning, zoning, development, and  
32 resource management should facilitate the revitalization  
33 of established town centers and neighborhoods by promoting  
34 development that conserves land, protects historic resources,  
35 promotes pedestrian accessibility, and integrates different

1 uses of property. Remediation and reuse of existing  
2 sites, structures, and infrastructure is preferred over new  
3 construction in undeveloped areas.

4 6. *Housing diversity.* Planning, zoning, development, and  
5 resource management should encourage diversity in the types  
6 of available housing, support the rehabilitation of existing  
7 housing, and promote the location of housing near public  
8 transportation.

9 7. *Community character.* Planning, zoning, development, and  
10 resource management should promote activities and development  
11 that are consistent with the character and architectural style  
12 of the community and should respond to local values regarding  
13 the physical character of the community.

14 8. *Natural resources and agricultural protection.*  
15 Planning, zoning, development, and resource management  
16 should emphasize protection, preservation, and restoration of  
17 environmentally sensitive land, natural resources, agricultural  
18 land, and cultural and historic landscapes, and should increase  
19 the availability of open spaces and recreational facilities.

20 9. *Sustainable design.* Planning, zoning, development, and  
21 resource management should promote developments, buildings, and  
22 infrastructure that utilize sustainable design and construction  
23 standards and conserve natural resources by reducing waste and  
24 pollution through efficient use of land, energy, water, and  
25 materials.

26 10. *Transportation diversity.* Planning, zoning,  
27 development, and resource management should promote expanded  
28 transportation options for residents of the community.  
29 Consideration should be given to transportation options that  
30 maximize mobility, reduce congestion, conserve fuel, and  
31 improve air quality. Priority shall be given to rail service,  
32 bus service, shared-vehicle services, bicycling, and walking.

33 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 18B.2 Local comprehensive planning and  
34 development guidelines.

35 1. For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context

1 otherwise requires:

2     *a.* "Development" means any of the following:

3       (1) Construction, reconstruction, renovation, mining,  
4 extraction, dredging, filling, excavation, or drilling activity  
5 or operation.

6       (2) Man-made changes in the use or appearance of any  
7 structure or in the land itself.

8       (3) The division or subdivision of land.

9       (4) Any change in the intensity of use or the use of land.

10      (5) Any activity that alters a river, stream, lake, pond,  
11 marsh, dune area, woodland, wetland, endangered species  
12 habitat, aquifer, or other resource area.

13     *b.* "Land development regulations" means zoning, subdivision,  
14 site plan, corridor map, floodplain or storm water ordinances,  
15 rules, or regulations, or other governmental controls that  
16 affect the use of property.

17     *c.* "Municipality" means a city or a county.

18     2. A municipality shall consider the smart planning  
19 principles under section 18B.1 and may include the following  
20 information, if applicable, when developing or amending  
21 a comprehensive plan under chapter 335 or chapter 414 or  
22 when developing or amending other local land development  
23 regulations:

24     *a.* Information relating to public participation during  
25 the creation of the comprehensive plan or land development  
26 regulations, including documentation of the public  
27 participation process, a compilation of objectives, policies,  
28 and goals identified in the public comment received, and  
29 identification of the groups or individuals comprising any work  
30 groups or committees that were created to assist the planning  
31 and zoning commission or other appropriate decision-making body  
32 of the municipality.

33     *b.* Information relating to the primary characteristics  
34 of the municipality and a description of how each of those  
35 characteristics impacts future development of the municipality.

1 Such information may include historical information about  
2 the municipality, the municipality's geography, natural  
3 resources, natural hazards, population, demographics, types of  
4 employers and industry, labor force, political and community  
5 institutions, housing, transportation, educational resources,  
6 and cultural and recreational resources. The comprehensive  
7 plan or land development regulations may also identify  
8 characteristics and community aesthetics that are important to  
9 future development of the municipality.

10 c. Objectives, information, and programs that identify  
11 current land uses within the municipality and that guide the  
12 future development and redevelopment of property, consistent  
13 with the municipality's characteristics identified under  
14 paragraph "b". The comprehensive plan or land development  
15 regulations may include information on the amount, type,  
16 intensity, and density of existing land use, trends in  
17 the market price of land used for specific purposes, and  
18 plans for future land use throughout the municipality. The  
19 comprehensive plan or land development regulations may identify  
20 and include information on property that has the possibility  
21 for redevelopment, a map of existing and potential land use  
22 and land use conflicts, information and maps relating to  
23 the current and future provision of utilities within the  
24 municipality, information and maps that identify the current  
25 and future boundaries for areas reserved for soil conservation,  
26 water supply conservation, flood control, and surface water  
27 drainage and removal. Information provided under this  
28 paragraph may also include an analysis of the current and  
29 potential impacts on local watersheds.

30 d. Objectives, policies, and programs to further the  
31 vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods  
32 and new residential neighborhoods and plans to ensure an  
33 adequate housing supply that meets both the existing and  
34 forecasted housing demand. The comprehensive plan or land  
35 development regulations may include an inventory and analysis

1 of the local housing stock and may include specific information  
2 such as age, condition, type, market value, occupancy, and  
3 historical characteristics of all the housing within the  
4 municipality. The comprehensive plan or land development  
5 regulations may identify specific policies and programs that  
6 promote the development of new housing and maintenance or  
7 rehabilitation of existing housing and that provide a range of  
8 housing choices that meet the needs of the residents of the  
9 municipality.

10 *e.* Objectives, policies, and programs to guide future  
11 development of utilities such as sanitary sewer service,  
12 storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal,  
13 wastewater treatment technologies, recycling facilities,  
14 telecommunications facilities, power generating plants, and  
15 transmission lines. The comprehensive plan or land development  
16 regulations may include estimates regarding future demand for  
17 such utility services.

18 *f.* Objectives, policies, and programs to guide the future  
19 development of a safe, convenient, efficient, and economical  
20 transportation system. Plans for such a transportation system  
21 may be coordinated with state and regional transportation  
22 plans and take into consideration the need for diverse modes  
23 of transportation, accessibility, and interconnectivity of the  
24 various modes of transportation.

25 *g.* Objectives, policies, and programs to promote the  
26 stabilization, retention, or expansion of economic development  
27 and employment opportunities. The comprehensive plan or land  
28 development regulations may include an analysis of current  
29 industries and economic activity and identify economic growth  
30 goals for the municipality. The comprehensive plan or land  
31 development regulations may also identify locations for future  
32 brownfield or grayfield development.

33 *h.* Objectives, policies, and programs addressing  
34 preservation and protection of agricultural and natural  
35 resources. The comprehensive plan or land development

1 regulations may address issues relating to groundwater,  
2 forests, agricultural areas, environmentally sensitive areas,  
3 threatened and endangered species, stream corridors, surface  
4 water, floodplains, woodlands, wetlands, wildlife habitats,  
5 open spaces, and parks.

6 *i.* Objectives, policies, and programs to assist future  
7 development of educational facilities, cemeteries, health  
8 care facilities, child care facilities, law enforcement and  
9 fire protection facilities, libraries, and other governmental  
10 facilities that are necessary or desirable to meet the  
11 projected needs of the municipality.

12 *j.* Objectives, policies, and programs to identify  
13 characteristics and qualities that make the municipality unique  
14 and that are important to the municipality's heritage and  
15 quality of life.

16 *k.* Objectives, policies, and programs that identify the  
17 natural and other hazards that have the greatest likelihood of  
18 impacting the municipality as such hazards relate to land use  
19 and development decisions, as well as the steps necessary to  
20 mitigate risk consistent with the local hazard mitigation plan  
21 approved by the federal emergency management agency.

22 *l.* Objectives, policies, and programs for joint planning  
23 and joint decision making with other municipalities or  
24 governmental entities, including school districts and drainage  
25 districts, for siting and constructing public facilities and  
26 sharing public services. The comprehensive plan or land  
27 development regulations may identify existing or potential  
28 conflicts between the municipality and other local governments  
29 related to future development of the municipality and may  
30 include recommendations for resolving such conflicts. The  
31 comprehensive plan or land development regulations may  
32 also identify opportunities to collaborate and partner with  
33 neighboring jurisdictions and other entities in the region for  
34 projects of mutual interest.

35 *m.* A compilation of programs and specific actions necessary

1 to implement any provision of the comprehensive plan, including  
2 changes to any applicable land development regulations,  
3 official maps, or subdivision ordinances.

4 Sec. 3. Section 28I.4, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 **28I.4 Powers and duties.**

7 1. The commission shall have the power and duty to  
8 make comprehensive studies and plans for the development  
9 of the area it serves which will guide the unified  
10 development of the area and which will eliminate planning  
11 duplication and promote economy and efficiency in the  
12 ~~co-ordinated~~ coordinated development of the area and the  
13 general welfare, convenience, safety, and prosperity of its  
14 people. The plan or plans collectively shall be known as  
15 the regional or metropolitan development plan. The plans  
16 for the development of the area may include, but shall not  
17 be limited to, recommendations with respect to existing  
18 and proposed highways, bridges, airports, streets, parks  
19 and recreational areas, schools and public institutions and  
20 public utilities, public open spaces, and sites for public  
21 buildings and structures; districts for residence, business,  
22 industry, recreation, agriculture, and forestry; water supply,  
23 sanitation, drainage, protection against floods and other  
24 disasters; areas for housing developments, slum clearance  
25 and urban renewal and redevelopment; location of private  
26 and public utilities, including but not limited to sewerage  
27 and water supply systems; and such other recommendations  
28 concerning current and impending problems as may affect the  
29 area served by the commission. Time and priority schedules and  
30 cost estimates for the accomplishment of the recommendations  
31 may also be included in the plans. The plans shall be made  
32 with consideration of the smart planning principles under  
33 section 18B.1. The plans shall be based upon and include  
34 appropriate studies of the location and extent of present  
35 and anticipated populations; social, physical, and economic



1 resources, problems and trends; and governmental conditions and  
2 trends. The commission is also authorized to make surveys,  
3 land-use studies, and urban renewal plans, provide technical  
4 services and other planning work for the area it serves and  
5 for cities, counties, and other political subdivisions in  
6 the area. A plan or plans of the commission may be adopted,  
7 added to, and changed from time to time by a majority  
8 vote of the planning commission. The plan or plans may in  
9 whole or in part be adopted by the governing bodies of the  
10 ~~co-operating~~ cooperating cities and counties as the general  
11 plans of such cities and counties. The commission may also  
12 assist the governing bodies and other public authorities or  
13 agencies within the area it serves in carrying out any regional  
14 plan or plans, and assist any planning commission, board or  
15 agency of the cities and counties and political subdivisions  
16 in the preparation or effectuation of local plans and planning  
17 consistent with the program of the commission. The commission  
18 may ~~co-operate~~ cooperate and confer, as far as possible, with  
19 planning agencies of other states or of regional groups of  
20 states adjoining its area.

21 2. A planning commission formed under the provisions of  
22 this chapter shall, upon designation as such by the governor,  
23 serve as a district, regional, or metropolitan agency for  
24 comprehensive planning for its area for the purpose of carrying  
25 out the functions as defined for such an agency by federal,  
26 state, and local laws and regulations.

27 Sec. 4. Section 329.3, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 **329.3 Zoning regulations — powers granted.**

30 Every municipality having an airport hazard area within  
31 its territorial limits may adopt, administer, and enforce  
32 in the manner and upon the conditions prescribed by this  
33 chapter, zoning regulations for such airport hazard area,  
34 which regulations may divide such area into zones and, within  
35 such zones, specify the land uses permitted, and regulate

1 and restrict, for the purpose of preventing airport hazards,  
2 the height to which structures and trees may be erected or  
3 permitted to grow. Regulations adopted under this chapter  
4 shall be made with consideration of the smart planning  
5 principles under section 18B.1.

6 Sec. 5. Section 335.5, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 **335.5 Objectives.**

9 1. The regulations shall be made in accordance with a  
10 comprehensive plan and designed to preserve the availability  
11 of agricultural land; to consider the protection of soil  
12 from wind and water erosion; to encourage efficient urban  
13 development patterns; to lessen congestion in the street or  
14 highway; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic, and other  
15 dangers; to protect health and the general welfare; to provide  
16 adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land;  
17 to avoid undue concentration of population; to promote the  
18 conservation of energy resources; to promote reasonable access  
19 to solar energy; and to facilitate the adequate provision of  
20 transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other  
21 public requirements. However, provisions of this section  
22 relating to the objectives of energy conservation and access  
23 to solar energy shall not be construed as voiding any zoning  
24 regulation existing on July 1, 1981, or to require zoning in a  
25 county that did not have zoning prior to July 1, 1981.

26 2. ~~Such~~ The regulations shall be made with reasonable  
27 consideration, among other things, as to the character of the  
28 area of the district and the peculiar suitability of such area  
29 for particular uses, and with a view to conserving the value  
30 of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land  
31 throughout such county.

32 3. The regulations shall be made with consideration of the  
33 smart planning principles under section 18B.1 and may include  
34 the information specified in section 18B.2, subsection 2.

1 Sec. 6. Section 414.3, Code 2009, is amended to read as

2 follows:

3 **414.3 Basis of regulations.**

4 1. The regulations shall be made in accordance with a  
5 comprehensive plan and designed to preserve the availability of  
6 agricultural land; to consider the protection of soil from wind  
7 and water erosion; to encourage efficient urban development  
8 patterns; to lessen congestion in the street; to secure safety  
9 from fire, flood, panic, and other dangers; to promote health  
10 and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to  
11 prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration  
12 of population; to promote the conservation of energy resources;  
13 to promote reasonable access to solar energy; and to facilitate  
14 the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage,  
15 schools, parks, and other public requirements. However,  
16 provisions of this section relating to the objectives of energy  
17 conservation and access to solar energy do not void any zoning  
18 regulation existing on July 1, 1981, or require zoning in a  
19 city that did not have zoning prior to July 1, 1981.

20 2. ~~Such~~ The regulations shall be made with reasonable  
21 consideration, among other things, as to the character of the  
22 area of the district and the peculiar suitability of such area  
23 for particular uses, and with a view to conserving the value  
24 of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land  
25 throughout such city.

26 3. The regulations shall be made with consideration of the  
27 smart planning principles under section 18B.1 and may include  
28 the information specified in section 18B.2, subsection 2.

29 Sec. 7. IOWA SMART PLANNING TASK FORCE.

30 1. An Iowa smart planning task force is established  
31 consisting of twenty-seven voting members and four ex officio,  
32 nonvoting members.

33 2. Members of the task force shall consist of all of the  
34 following:

35 a. Thirteen state agency director or administrator members  
1 consisting of all of the following:

- 2 (1) The director of the department on aging or the  
3 director's designee.
- 4 (2) The director of the department of economic development  
5 or the director's designee.
- 6 (3) The secretary of agriculture and land stewardship or the  
7 secretary's designee.
- 8 (4) The director of the department of cultural affairs or  
9 the director's designee.
- 10 (5) The director of the department of public health or the  
11 director's designee.
- 12 (6) The director of the department of management or the  
13 director's designee.
- 14 (7) The director of the department of natural resources or  
15 the director's designee.
- 16 (8) The director of the department of workforce development  
17 or the director's designee.
- 18 (9) The director of the office of energy independence or the  
19 director's designee.
- 20 (10) The director of the department of transportation or the  
21 director's designee.
- 22 (11) The administrator of the homeland security and  
23 emergency management division of the department of public  
24 defense or the administrator's designee.
- 25 (12) The director of the rebuild Iowa office or the  
26 director's designee.
- 27 (13) The state building code commissioner or the  
28 commissioner's designee.
- 29 b. Director of community and economic development at Iowa  
30 state university extension or the director's designee.
- 31 c. Director of the urban and regional planning program at  
32 the university of Iowa or the director's designee.
- 33 d. Director of the institute for decision making at the  
34 university of northern Iowa or the director's designee.
- 35 e. President of the Iowa chapter of the American planning  
1 association or the president's designee.

- 2 f. Executive director of the Iowa association of regional  
3 councils or the executive director's designee.
- 4 g. President of the Iowa chapter of the American institute  
5 of architects or the president's designee.
- 6 h. Executive director of the Iowa league of cities or the  
7 executive director's designee.
- 8 i. Executive director of the Iowa state association of  
9 counties or the executive director's designee.
- 10 j. A representative appointed by the governor from a city  
11 having a population of five thousand or less according to the  
12 latest preceding certified federal census.
- 13 k. A representative appointed by the governor from a  
14 city having a population of more than five thousand and less  
15 than twenty-five thousand according to the latest preceding  
16 certified federal census.
- 17 l. A representative appointed by the governor from a city  
18 having a population of twenty-five thousand or more according  
19 to the latest preceding certified federal census.
- 20 m. A representative appointed by the governor from a county  
21 having a population of ten thousand or less according to the  
22 latest preceding certified federal census.
- 23 n. A representative appointed by the governor from a county  
24 having a population of more than ten thousand and less than  
25 fifty thousand according to the latest preceding certified  
26 federal census.
- 27 o. A representative appointed by the governor from a county  
28 having a population of fifty thousand or more according to the  
29 latest preceding certified federal census.
- 30 3. The task force shall include four members of the general  
31 assembly serving as ex officio, nonvoting members, with not  
32 more than one member from each chamber being from the same  
33 political party. The two senators shall be appointed one each  
34 by the majority leader of the senate after consultation with  
35 the president of the senate, and by the minority leader of the  
1 senate. The two representatives shall be appointed one each by

2 the speaker of the house of representatives after consultation  
3 with the majority leader of the house of representatives, and  
4 by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

5 4. The task force may establish committees and  
6 subcommittees comprised of members of the task force.

7 5. Members of the task force designated in subsection 2,  
8 paragraphs "j" through "o" shall serve at the pleasure of the  
9 governor.

10 6. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same  
11 manner as the original appointment.

12 7. a. A majority of the members of the task force  
13 constitutes a quorum. Any action taken by the task force  
14 must be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of its  
15 membership. A task force member's designee may vote on task  
16 force matters in the absence of the member.

17 b. The task force shall elect a chairperson and vice  
18 chairperson from the membership of the task force.

19 c. The task force shall meet at least four times before  
20 November 15, 2010. Meetings of the task force may be called  
21 by the chairperson or by a majority of the members. However,  
22 the first meeting of the task force shall be called by the  
23 governor.

24 d. Members of the task force shall not be compensated for  
25 meeting participation or reimbursed for costs associated with  
26 meeting attendance. A legislative member is not eligible for  
27 per diem and expenses as provided in section 2.10.

28 8. The rebuild Iowa office and the department of management  
29 shall provide staff assistance and administrative support to  
30 the task force.

31 9. The task force shall comply with the requirements of  
32 chapters 21 and 22. The rebuild Iowa office shall be the  
33 official repository of task force records.

34 10. The duties of the task force shall include but are not  
35 limited to the following:

1 a. Consult land use experts, representatives of cities

2 and counties, agricultural and environmental interests, urban  
3 and regional planning experts, reports or information from  
4 the local government innovation commission, and all other  
5 information deemed relevant by task force members.

6 b. Solicit information from the general public on matters  
7 related to comprehensive planning.

8 c. Evaluate state policies, programs, statutes, and rules  
9 to determine whether any state policies, programs, statutes, or  
10 rules should be revised to integrate the Iowa smart planning  
11 principles under section 18B.1.

12 d. Develop statewide goals for comprehensive planning that  
13 utilize the Iowa smart planning principles under section 18B.1,  
14 and develop recommendations for a process to measure progress  
15 toward achieving those goals.

16 e. Evaluate and develop incentives to conduct comprehensive  
17 planning, including but not limited to state financial and  
18 technical assistance.

19 f. Develop a model for regional comprehensive planning  
20 within the state and recommend partnerships between state  
21 agencies, local governments, educational institutions, and  
22 research facilities.

23 g. Develop recommendations for administration of a state  
24 comprehensive planning program that operates consistently with  
25 the Iowa smart planning principles under section 18B.1 and that  
26 does all of the following:

27 (1) Coordinates, facilitates, and centralizes the exchange  
28 of information related to state and local planning, zoning, and  
29 development between state agencies and the general assembly.

30 (2) Establishes infrastructure investment goals.

31 (3) Coordinates discussions concerning a proposed  
32 geographic information system between the producers and the  
33 users of such systems.

34 (4) Allows the efficient production and dissemination of  
35 population and other demographic statistical forecasts.

1 (5) Creates a centralized electronic storage location for

2 all comprehensive plans adopted under chapter 335 or chapter  
3 414.

4 (6) Facilitates the cooperation of state and local  
5 governments with comprehensive planning, educational, and  
6 research programs.

7 (7) Provides and administers technical and financial  
8 assistance for state and local comprehensive planning.

9 (8) Provides information to local governments relating  
10 to state and federal resources and other resources for  
11 comprehensive planning.

12 11. The task force shall prepare a report that includes  
13 goals, recommendations, and other information described in  
14 subsection 10, to the governor and the general assembly on or  
15 before November 15, 2010.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill creates new Code section 18B.1, which establishes  
18 ten smart planning principles. State agencies, local  
19 governments, and other public entities are required to  
20 consider and may apply the principles during all appropriate  
21 planning, zoning, development, and resource management  
22 decisions. The smart planning principles encourage  
23 collaboration with other groups and individuals, identify  
24 the importance of efficiency, transparency, and consistency,  
25 advise the use of clean and renewable energy, advise the  
26 use of energy-efficient and sustainable design options,  
27 encourage occupational, transportation, and housing diversity,  
28 encourage revitalization, identify the importance of community  
29 character, and encourage decisions that will protect natural  
30 and agricultural resources.

31 Municipalities, defined as a city or a county in new  
32 Code section 18B.2, are also directed to consider the smart  
33 planning principles if the municipality develops or amends a  
34 comprehensive plan under Code chapter 335 or Code chapter 414,  
35 as applicable.

1 Under new Code section 18B.2, a municipality may also



2 consider including certain specified information in any such  
3 comprehensive plan or other land development regulations.  
4 The list of items specified in the bill includes information  
5 relating to public participation during the creation of the  
6 plan, objectives, policies, goals, and programs relating to  
7 utilities, housing, transportation, economic development,  
8 employment, protection of agricultural and natural resources,  
9 future development of certain specified public facilities,  
10 characteristics unique to the municipality, and natural or  
11 other hazards. A comprehensive plan or land development  
12 regulations may also include information relating to joint  
13 planning and joint decision making with other governmental  
14 entities. The bill provides that a comprehensive plan may  
15 include a compilation of programs and specific actions to be  
16 completed, including changes to any applicable land development  
17 regulations, official maps, or subdivision ordinances that are  
18 necessary to implement any provision of the plan.

19 The bill establishes an Iowa smart planning task force  
20 consisting of 27 voting members and four ex officio, nonvoting  
21 members from the general assembly. The voting members consist  
22 of the heads of 13 specified state agencies and 14 other  
23 members from specified academic programs, governmental entities  
24 and organizations, and industry associations. Members of the  
25 task force, other than those who are the head of a state agency  
26 or from specified programs, organizations, and associations,  
27 serve at the pleasure of the governor. Vacancies on the  
28 task force are filled in the same manner as the original  
29 appointment.

30 The task force is required to meet at least four times before  
31 November 15, 2010. The bill authorizes the task force to  
32 establish committees and subcommittees. Members of the task  
33 force are not compensated for meeting participation and are  
34 not reimbursed for costs associated with meeting attendance.  
35 The rebuild Iowa office and the department of management are  
1 required to provide staff assistance and administrative support

2 to the task force. The task force is required to comply with  
3 the requirements of Code chapters 21 and 22, relating to  
4 meetings and public records.

5 The bill requires the task force to consult land use experts,  
6 representatives of cities and counties, agricultural and  
7 environmental interests, urban and regional planning experts,  
8 reports or information from the local government innovation  
9 commission, and all other information deemed relevant by  
10 task force members. The task force is also required to  
11 solicit information from the public on matters related to  
12 comprehensive planning, evaluate state policies, programs,  
13 statutes, and rules to determine whether any state policies,  
14 programs, statutes, or rules should be revised to integrate the  
15 Iowa smart planning principles, develop statewide goals for  
16 comprehensive planning that utilize the Iowa smart planning  
17 principles, and develop recommendations for a process to  
18 measure progress toward achieving those goals.

19 The task force is further directed to evaluate and develop  
20 methods to incentivize comprehensive planning, develop a  
21 model for regional comprehensive planning within the state,  
22 and develop recommendations for administration of a state  
23 comprehensive planning program that operates consistently with  
24 the Iowa smart planning principles.

25 The bill requires the task force to prepare a report that  
26 includes goals, recommendations, and other information and  
27 submit it to the governor and general assembly on or before  
28 November 15, 2010.