

**House File 159 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to issue advocacy by the department of cultural  
2 affairs.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 303.2A Issue advocacy prohibited.

2 1. The department of cultural affairs shall not display or  
3 promote a historical or cultural exhibit that promulgates an  
4 ideological point of view unless such an exhibit gives equal  
5 treatment to the primary countervailing ideological point of  
6 view.

7 2. The department of management shall monitor the  
8 department's compliance with this section. If the department  
9 of management determines that the department of cultural  
10 affairs has not complied, the department of management shall  
11 report such noncompliance to the governor and the general  
12 assembly and recommend reduced funding levels for the  
13 department's next fiscal year.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill requires the department of cultural affairs to  
16 give equal treatment to different ideological points of view  
17 when displaying or promoting historical and cultural exhibits.  
18 The department of management must monitor the department's  
19 compliance and, if it determines that the department of  
20 cultural affairs is not in compliance, must report such  
21 noncompliance to the governor and the general assembly and  
22 recommend reduced funding levels for the department's next  
23 fiscal year.