

**Senate File 23 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requesting establishment of an interim study committee  
2 on automobile insurance direct repair programs.

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

1 Section 1. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE — AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE  
2 DIRECT REPAIR PROGRAMS.

3 1. The legislative council is requested to establish an  
4 interim study committee to study direct repair programs used by  
5 some automobile insurance companies to provide repairs for the  
6 insurance company's claimants. The study shall include but is  
7 not limited to a review and analysis of the use of such direct  
8 repair programs by the automobile insurance industry in Iowa  
9 and the effect of the use of such programs on automotive body  
10 repair shops, insurance costs, and Iowa consumers. In addition  
11 to legislative members, the membership of the interim study  
12 committee shall include the following public members:

13 a. Three consumers, one designated by the insurance  
14 consumer advocate, one designated by the Iowa citizen action  
15 network, and one designated by abate of Iowa, incorporated.

16 b. Four members who represent automotive body repair shops  
17 in the state, two designated by the national federation of  
18 independent business, and two designated by the association of  
19 business and industry.

20 c. Four members from the automobile insurance industry  
21 designated by the federation of Iowa insurers.

22 2. The committee shall meet twice during the 2011  
23 legislative interim and shall submit findings and any  
24 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by January  
25 1, 2012.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requests that the legislative council establish an  
28 interim study committee to study direct repair programs used  
29 by some automobile insurance companies to provide repairs for  
30 the insurance company's claimants. The study shall include a  
31 review and analysis of the use of such programs in Iowa and  
32 their effect on automotive body repair shops, insurance costs,  
33 and Iowa consumers. In addition to legislative members, the  
34 membership of the committee shall include 11 public members  
35 designated by specified entities.

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2 interim and submit its findings and any recommendations to the  
3 general assembly by January 1, 2012.