

# House Resolution 106 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

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1 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to  
2 establish a legislative interim committee on racial  
3 disparity in incarceration rates.

4 WHEREAS, minorities make up a disproportionate share  
5 of persons incarcerated in county jails and prisons in  
6 this state; and

7 WHEREAS, this disparity has existed for many years  
8 and has negatively impacted many minority communities  
9 throughout the state; and

10 WHEREAS, a review of the incarceration practices  
11 in this state and in particular the impact of  
12 incarceration on minority populations should be  
13 conducted; and

14 WHEREAS, the review of racial disparity in  
15 incarceration rates should include a review of the  
16 entire criminal justice system that potentially impacts  
17 incarceration rates including but not limited to  
18 arrests, prosecutions, sentences, and offenses with the  
19 greatest impact on minority communities; and

20 WHEREAS, the interim committee should include  
21 legislators, the attorney general, a county attorney,  
22 a peace officer from a city with a population greater  
23 than 100,000, a peace officer from a city with a  
24 population between 10,000 and 100,000, a peace officer  
25 from a city with a population of 10,000 or less, a  
26 representative of the department of human rights, a  
27 representative of the Iowa civil rights commission,  
28 a representative of the American civil liberties

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1 union of Iowa, and three representatives of nonprofit  
2 organizations in this state that represent minority  
3 interests; NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
5 the legislative council is requested to establish a  
6 legislative interim study committee on racial disparity  
7 in incarceration rates for the 2014 legislative interim  
8 to review the reasons for such a disparity and to make  
9 recommendations and to file a final report with the  
10 general assembly by January 15, 2015.