

**House Study Bill 571 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON COWNIE)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the ability of certain governmental entities  
2 to join local government risk pools.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 670.7, Code 2016, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. A governmental entity established in  
4 chapter 466B or chapter 468, subchapter I, II, III, or IV,  
5 including but not limited to a council, authority, center, or  
6 district, shall be deemed to be a municipality as defined in  
7 this chapter only for the purpose of joining a local government  
8 risk pool as provided in this section.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to local government risk pools.

13 Under current Code section 670.7, the governing body of a  
14 municipality, as defined in Code section 670.1, may join and  
15 pay funds into a local government risk pool to protect itself  
16 against any or all tort liability.

17 The bill provides that governmental entities established  
18 in Code chapter 466B and Code chapter 468, subchapters I  
19 through IV, shall be deemed to be municipalities for the  
20 purpose of joining a local government risk pool to protect  
21 themselves against tort liability. Governmental bodies  
22 established in Code chapter 466B include the water resources  
23 coordinating council, watershed management authorities,  
24 the watershed planning advisory council, the Iowa nutrient  
25 research center, and the Iowa nutrient research center advisory  
26 council. Governmental bodies established in Code chapter 468,  
27 subchapters I through IV, include drainage or levee districts.