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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the Iowa finance authority to convene a
2 multigenerational and sustainable living task force.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MULTIGENERATIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING TASK
2 FORCE.

3 1. The Iowa finance authority shall convene a task force
4 to meet during the legislative interims of the Eighty-sixth
5 General Assembly to address the barriers to aging in place for
6 older Iowans and Iowans with disabilities and to facilitate
7 the creation of additional multigenerational and sustainable
8 housing in Iowa communities.

9 2. a. The task force shall consist of sixteen members,
10 with four ex officio, nonvoting members, as provided in
11 paragraph "b", and twelve voting members with one voting member
12 representative of each of the following:

13 (1) An older Iowan.

14 (2) A person with a disability.

15 (3) A community developer.

16 (4) An architect.

17 (5) An urban or regional planner.

18 (6) A contractor with experience developing
19 multigenerational and sustainable housing.

20 (7) A contractor with experience renovating existing homes
21 to facilitate aging in place.

22 (8) A representative of a trade or professional
23 organization involved in housing development.

24 (9) A representative appointed by the Iowa Olmstead
25 consumer task force.

26 (10) A representative appointed by the university of Iowa
27 clinical law programs.

28 (11) A representative of the economic development
29 authority.

30 (12) A representative of the Iowa finance authority.

31 b. The four ex officio, nonvoting members shall be members
32 of the general assembly. Two members shall be from the senate
33 and two members shall be from the house of representatives,
34 with not more than one member from each chamber being from the
35 same political party. The two senators shall be appointed

1 by the president of the senate after consultation with
2 the majority and minority leaders of the senate. The two
3 representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house
4 of representatives after consultation with the majority and
5 minority leaders of the house of representatives.

6 c. The voting members representative of community
7 developers, architects, and planners shall be required to
8 possess expertise in universal design or certification by the
9 national association of home builders as an aging-in-place
10 specialist.

11 d. The voting members of the task force shall be paid a per
12 diem in accordance with the compensation provisions established
13 for committees pursuant to section 7E.6 and shall be reimbursed
14 for actual and necessary expenses incurred while on official
15 task force business.

16 3. a. During the first legislative interim of the
17 Eighty-sixth General Assembly, the task force shall meet at
18 least four times, once in each congressional district of the
19 state, and shall do all of the following:

20 (1) Examine building and zoning codes at the local and
21 state levels that present barriers to building new housing
22 or modifying existing housing into multigenerational or
23 sustainable homes.

24 (2) Identify previous or ongoing legislative or local
25 initiatives in this state or other states and countries that
26 facilitate the creation of multigenerational or sustainable
27 housing.

28 (3) Examine policies, funding mechanisms, and tax
29 incentives to encourage and support multigenerational or
30 sustainable housing.

31 (4) Review and propose amendments to Iowa's consolidated
32 plan required by the United States department of housing
33 and urban development that outline initiatives to maximize
34 opportunities to fund the creation of multigenerational or
35 sustainable housing.

1 (5) Identify skills, credentials, and training needed to
2 certify and inspect existing structures and new construction
3 for the use of universal design and sustainable principles,
4 methods, and materials.

5 (6) Compile examples of best practice in design, features,
6 products, and materials, and their associated costs for
7 dissemination to architectural and building professionals and
8 the general public.

9 (7) Explore the implementation of an Iowa living laboratory
10 to construct new housing in four regions of the state through
11 a design competition utilizing best practices in universal
12 design and sustainability to construct single-family,
13 duplex, condominium, free-standing multi-family apartments,
14 or rehabilitated dwellings funded with federal community
15 development or housing funds or other funds, programs, or
16 incentives available for use at the state or local level.

17 (8) Examine the creation of a state housing authority
18 to centralize planning and funding of government housing
19 initiatives to ensure a better coordinated and cost-effective
20 housing system.

21 b. The task force shall submit a report to the governor
22 and the general assembly by December 15, 2015, that summarizes
23 the information collected pursuant to and includes proposals
24 required by this subsection.

25 4. a. During the second legislative interim of the
26 Eighty-sixth General Assembly, the task force shall meet at
27 least four times, once in each congressional district of the
28 state, and shall develop recommendations regarding:

29 (1) The establishment of a statewide residential building
30 code that incorporates at least minimum universal design,
31 energy efficiency, and sustainability standards for new
32 construction of housing or modifications to housing when state
33 or federal funding is being utilized.

34 (2) The establishment of a minimum set of skills,
35 credentials, and training needed to implement a voluntary

1 assessment and certification program relating to universal
2 design and sustainable housing construction and modification.

3 (3) The funding and implementation of an Iowa living
4 laboratory on universal design and sustainable housing to be
5 showcased through local housing shows or similar events or
6 through demonstration projects in each congressional district
7 of the state.

8 (4) The preparation and dissemination of educational
9 materials relating to best practices in design, features,
10 products, materials, and costs regarding universal design and
11 sustainable housing to architects, developers, contractors,
12 other building professionals, and to the general public using
13 all available media, technologies, and alternate formats.

14 b. The task force shall submit a report to the governor and
15 the general assembly by December 15, 2016, that includes the
16 recommendations required by this subsection.

17 5. If approved by a simple majority of its members, the task
18 force may schedule additional meetings during the legislative
19 interims of the Eighty-sixth General Assembly.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill requires that the Iowa finance authority convene a
24 multigenerational and sustainable living task force. The task
25 force is required to meet at least four times during each of
26 the legislative interims of the Eighty-sixth General Assembly.

27 The task force consists of 16 members, with four ex officio,
28 nonvoting legislative members, and 12 voting members. The
29 voting membership must include an older Iowan, a person with
30 a disability, a community developer, an architect, an urban
31 or regional planner, a contractor with experience developing
32 multigenerational and sustainable housing, a contractor with
33 experience renovating existing homes to facilitate continued
34 occupancy by an aging or disabled occupant, a representative
35 of a trade or professional organization involved in developing

1 housing, a representative of the Iowa Olmstead consumer
2 taskforce, a representative of the university of Iowa clinical
3 law programs, a representative of the Iowa economic development
4 authority, and a representative of the Iowa finance authority.

5 The bill requires that the task force submit a report to
6 the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2015,
7 that summarizes information and includes proposals specified
8 in the bill to be addressed by the task force during the first
9 legislative interim of the Eighty-sixth General Assembly.

10 The bill also requires that the task force submit a report
11 to the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2016,
12 that includes the recommendations developed by the task force
13 during the second legislative interim of the Eighty-sixth
14 General Assembly.

15 The bill provides that voting members of the task force be
16 paid a per diem in accordance with the compensation provisions
17 established for committees pursuant to Code section 7E.6 and
18 be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred while
19 on official task force business. The bill also provides that
20 the task force may schedule additional meetings during the
21 respective legislative interims of the Eighty-sixth General
22 Assembly, if approved by a simple majority of task force
23 members.