

House Study Bill 686 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC GROWTH BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON WHEELER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study regarding the identification,
2 establishment, and promotion of state historical sites, and
3 including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. STUDY — STATE HISTORICAL SITES.

2 1. The department of cultural affairs, including the
3 historical division of the department of cultural affairs,
4 shall conduct a study regarding the identification,
5 establishment, and promotion of state historical sites.

6 2. The study shall include all of the following:

7 a. A review of current practices and processes for
8 identifying, establishing, and promoting state historical
9 sites.

10 b. The establishment of metrics to measure the cultural
11 and economic impact to the state of existing state historical
12 sites.

13 c. The establishment of metrics to measure the cultural
14 and economic impact to the state of proposed state historical
15 sites.

16 d. The establishment of procedures and processes to
17 identify, establish, and promote new state historical sites
18 with high cultural and economic impact potential.

19 e. The establishment of annual goals for increasing the
20 number of state historical sites.

21 3. The department and the division shall seek input from the
22 Iowa great places board, local committees established pursuant
23 to section 303.3E to promote culture, history, and arts in
24 Iowa, the historical society board of trustees, and members of
25 the state historical society.

26 4. The department shall submit a report regarding the study,
27 including findings and recommendations, to the general assembly
28 no later than January 31, 2021.

29 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
30 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill directs the department of cultural affairs,
35 including the historical division of the department of cultural

1 affairs, to conduct a study regarding the identification,
2 establishment, and promotion of state historical sites.

3 The study must include a review of current practices and
4 processes for identifying, establishing, and promoting state
5 historical sites; the establishment of metrics to measure
6 the cultural and economic impact to the state of existing
7 state historical sites and proposed state historical sites;
8 the establishment of procedures and processes to identify,
9 establish, and promote new state historical sites with high
10 cultural and economic impact potential; and the establishment
11 of annual goals for increasing the number of state historical
12 sites.

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14 input from the Iowa great places board, local committees
15 established pursuant to Code section 303.3E to promote culture,
16 history, and arts in Iowa, the historical society board of
17 trustees, and members of the state historical society.

18 The bill requires the department to submit a report
19 regarding the study, including findings and recommendations, to
20 the general assembly no later than January 11, 2021. The bill
21 takes effect upon enactment.