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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the convening of a conference to address the
2 state's increasing aging population.

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

1 Section 1. FINDINGS. The general assembly finds all of the
2 following:

3 1. According to the Iowa department on aging, there are
4 currently five hundred fourteen thousand two hundred fifteen
5 Iowans age sixty-five and older, constituting sixteen and
6 four-tenths percent of Iowa's total population, and of this
7 number one hundred fifty-six thousand six hundred two are
8 living with at least one disability that requires assistance.

9 2. The number of Iowans age sixty-five and older continues
10 to grow, with an estimated six hundred seventy-seven thousand
11 two hundred sixty-six Iowans age sixty-five and older projected
12 to be living in Iowa by 2050, constituting twenty percent of
13 the population in each of seventy-three of Iowa's ninety-nine
14 counties and nineteen and seven-tenths percent of the state's
15 total population.

16 3. According to the kaiser family foundation, spending
17 on Medicare beneficiaries in the last year of life accounts
18 for about twenty-five percent of total Medicare spending on
19 beneficiaries age sixty-five and older.

20 4. According to 2018 Alzheimer's association data, the
21 estimated lifetime cost of care for an individual living with a
22 dementia-related illness is three hundred forty-one thousand
23 eight hundred forty dollars.

24 5. In Iowa, one hundred thirty-six thousand caregivers
25 provided one hundred fifty-four million total hours valued at
26 one billion nine hundred forty million dollars of unpaid care
27 in 2017, resulting in ninety-eight million dollars in higher
28 health care costs of caregivers.

29 6. In Iowa, the 2018 Medicaid program costs of caring for
30 people with Alzheimer's was six hundred thirty million dollars,
31 an increase of twenty-three and seven-tenths percent compared
32 to 2015.

33 7. In Iowa, Medicare spending for people with dementia in
34 2017 was sixteen thousand nine hundred thirty one dollars per
35 capita.

