HOUSE FILE 2501 BY THOMSON

## A BILL FOR

An Act establishing a legislative services agency committee.
 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 2.70 Legislative services agency 2 committee established.

3 1. A legislative services agency committee is established
4 which shall meet monthly to review the operations of the
5 legislative services agency.

6 2. a. The committee shall consist of the following members: 7 (1) Twelve members of the senate, to be appointed by the 8 majority leader of the senate and minority leader of the 9 senate, apportioned according to party balance as determined by 10 the legislative council.

11 (2) Thirteen members of the house of representatives, to be 12 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 13 minority leader of the house of representatives, apportioned 14 according to party balance as determined by the legislative 15 council.

16 b. Members shall be appointed prior to January 31 of the 17 first regular session of each general assembly and shall serve 18 for terms ending upon the convening of the following general 19 assembly or when their successors are appointed, whichever is 20 later. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the 21 original appointment and shall be for the remainder of the 22 unexpired term of the vacancy.

23 c. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice 24 chairperson.

3. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and shall be paid a per diem as specified in section 2.10 for each day in which they engaged in the performance of their duties. However, per diem compensation and expenses shall not be paid when the general assembly is actually in session at the seat of government. Expenses and per diem shall be paid from moneys appropriated pursuant to 33 section 2.12.

34 4. The committee shall do the following:

35 *a.* Determine the number of legislative services agency staff

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2 within forty-eight hours of a request being submitted.

3 b. Recommend proposed salaries for legal staff, taking into 4 account the supply and demand of the legal expertise market, of 5 no less than any of the following:

6 (1) The average annual compensation of a first-year7 associate at a large law firm in Chicago.

8 (2) The average annual compensation of a mid-level partner9 at a large law firm in Des Moines.

10 (3) One hundred ten thousand dollars per year, including
11 benefits.

12 c. Annually submit a report with the committee's findings 13 and recommendations to the general assembly by November 1, 14 2024.

15 5. Administrative assistance shall be provided by the 16 legislative services agency.

## EXPLANATION

18The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with19the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill creates a legislative services agency (LSA) committee consisting of 12 members of the senate and 13 members of the house of representatives, apportioned according to party balance.

The bill requires the committee to recommend salaries for LSA legal staff and determine the number of LSA staff needed to complete bill and fiscal note requests within 48 hours. The committee must submit an annual report to the general assembly by November 1 that includes the committee's findings and recommendations.

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