

House Study Bill 535 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act prohibiting land acknowledgments by regents institutions.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. Direct each institution of higher
4 education under its control to adopt a policy prohibiting land
5 acknowledgments by the institution or any department or other
6 unit of the institution. This subsection does not apply to
7 discussion in a classroom or research setting or statements made
8 by a person not speaking in an official capacity on behalf of the
9 institution or any department or other unit of the institution.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill requires the state board of regents to direct
14 each regents institution to adopt a policy prohibiting land
15 acknowledgments by the institution or any department or other
16 unit of the institution. The bill does not apply to discussion
17 in a classroom or research setting or statements made by a person
18 not speaking in an official capacity on behalf of the institution
19 or any department or other unit of the institution.