

**Senate File 2411 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2411  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2268)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an Iowa-Ireland trade commission and making  
2 appropriations.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **15.123 Iowa-Ireland trade**  
2 **commission.**

3 1. There is created the Iowa-Ireland trade commission.  
4 The authority shall provide administrative support for the  
5 commission.

6 2. The commission shall be composed of the following members:

7 a. Two state senators appointed by the majority leader of the  
8 senate. Each senator shall have knowledge of or current or past  
9 involvement in organizations that promote Irish affairs or shall  
10 have interest in the well-being of trade relations between the  
11 state and the Republic of Ireland.

12 b. Two state representatives appointed by the speaker of  
13 the house of representatives. Each representative shall have  
14 knowledge of or current or past involvement in organizations that  
15 promote Irish affairs or shall have interest in the well-being of  
16 trade relations between the state and the Republic of Ireland.

17 c. A representative of a private sector association  
18 headquartered in the state and focused on the promotion of  
19 international trade, appointed by the chair of the legislative  
20 council.

21 d. A representative of the authority, appointed by the  
22 governor.

23 e. A representative of an Iowa private industry, appointed by  
24 the majority leader of the senate.

25 f. A representative of an Iowa private industry, appointed by  
26 the speaker of the house of representatives.

27 3. Each member of the commission shall serve for a term of  
28 two years and may be reappointed without limit. A vacancy on the  
29 commission shall be filled by the original appointing authority  
30 for the remainder of the term.

31 4. A commission member shall not receive compensation for  
32 services.

33 5. At the initial meeting of the commission and biennially  
34 thereafter, the commission members shall select a chairperson  
35 from the state senators and state representatives appointed to

1 serve on the commission.

2 6. The commission shall meet a minimum of once per quarter,  
3 at the call of the chairperson. The commission may meet or hold  
4 hearings at any location that will best serve the citizens of  
5 the state. All meetings or hearings of the commission shall be  
6 scheduled and conducted in compliance with chapter 21.

7 7. The commission's records shall be considered public  
8 records pursuant to chapter 22.

9 8. A majority of the members of the commission is a quorum,  
10 and a majority of a quorum may act in any matter within the  
11 jurisdiction of the commission.

12 9. The Iowa-Ireland trade commission shall do all of the  
13 following:

14 a. Promote the advancement of bilateral trade and investment  
15 between this state and the Republic of Ireland.

16 b. Recommend joint action on policy issues of mutual interest  
17 to this state and the Republic of Ireland.

18 c. Promote business and academic exchanges between this state  
19 and the Republic of Ireland.

20 d. Encourage mutual economic support between this state and  
21 the Republic of Ireland.

22 e. Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of this  
23 state and the Republic of Ireland.

24 f. Address other issues as determined by the commission.

25 10. The commission shall submit a report to the governor and  
26 the general assembly within one calendar year of the date of  
27 the commission's organizational meeting, and by February 1 of  
28 each year thereafter. The report shall detail the commission's  
29 meetings, activities, and expenses for the immediately preceding  
30 calendar year.

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 establishes an Iowa-Ireland trade commission.  
35 The economic development authority shall provide administrative

1 support for the commission.

2 The commission shall be composed of eight members, as detailed  
3 in the bill. Each member shall serve for a term of two years  
4 and may be reappointed. A vacancy on the commission shall be  
5 filled by the original appointing authority for the remainder of  
6 the term. A commission member shall not receive compensation for  
7 services.

8 At the initial meeting of the commission and biennially  
9 thereafter, the commission members shall select a chairperson  
10 from the senators and representatives on the commission. The  
11 commission shall meet a minimum of once per quarter, at the  
12 call of the chairperson, at any location that will best serve  
13 the citizens of the state. The commission's records shall be  
14 considered a public record. A majority of commission members  
15 constitutes a quorum.

16 The Iowa-Ireland trade commission shall, as it relates to Iowa  
17 and Ireland: (1) promote the advancement of bilateral trade  
18 and investment; (2) recommend joint action on policy issues of  
19 mutual interest; (3) promote business and academic exchanges;  
20 (4) encourage mutual economic support; (5) encourage mutual  
21 investment in infrastructure; and (6) address other issues as  
22 determined by the commission.

23 The commission shall submit a report to the governor and  
24 the general assembly within one year of the date of the  
25 commission's organizational meeting, and by February 1 of  
26 each year thereafter, that details the commission's meetings,  
27 activities, and expenses for the immediately preceding calendar  
28 year.