

**Senate File 2268 - Introduced**

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**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:

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  
7 members:

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

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

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

23 d. A representative of the authority, appointed by the  
24 governor.

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

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

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

33 4. A commission member shall not receive compensation for  
34 services, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary  
35 expenses, including travel expenses. There is appropriated

1 from the general fund of the state to the authority an amount  
2 sufficient to pay costs incurred under this subsection.

3 5. At the initial meeting of the commission and biannually  
4 thereafter, the commission members shall select a chairperson  
5 from the state senators and state representatives appointed to  
6 serve on the commission.

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

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

14 8. A majority of the members of the commission is a quorum,  
15 and a majority of a quorum may act in any matter within the  
16 jurisdiction of the commission.

17 9. The Iowa-Ireland trade commission shall do all of the  
18 following:

19 a. Promote the advancement of bilateral trade and investment  
20 between this state and the Republic of Ireland.

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

23 c. Promote business and academic exchanges between this  
24 state and the Republic of Ireland.

25 d. Encourage mutual economic support between this state and  
26 the Republic of Ireland.

27 e. Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of this  
28 state and the Republic of Ireland.

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

30 10. The commission shall submit a report to the governor and  
31 the general assembly within one calendar year of the date of  
32 the commission's organizational meeting, and by February 1 of  
33 each year thereafter. The report shall detail the commission's  
34 meetings, activities, and expenses for the immediately  
35 preceding calendar year.

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EXPLANATION

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

This bill establishes an Iowa-Ireland trade commission. The economic development authority shall provide administrative support for the commission.

The commission shall be composed of eight members, as detailed in the bill. Each member shall serve for a term of two years and may be reappointed. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the original appointing authority for the remainder of the term. A commission member shall only be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses, including travel. The bill appropriates from the general fund to the authority an amount of moneys sufficient to pay costs incurred by the commission.

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

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

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

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1 year.