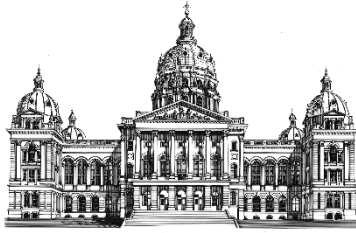


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Senator Jack Whitver, chair
Rep. Pat Grassley, vice-chair
Legislative Council Studies Committee
Iowa State Capitol
1007 East Grand Ave.
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Dear Senator Whitver and Rep. Grassley:

I request that the Legislative Council approve the creation of four study committees, each with 10 members of the General Assembly authorized to meet for two days, via online technology if necessary, for the following purposes:

1. To review governmental and private actions taken to address the health of agricultural soils, to assess the viability and applicability of approaches proposed or undertaken by Iowa stakeholders, and in other states and nations, and to make recommendations to the governor, General Assembly and the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship regarding policies, procedures, programs, regulations, statutes and funding mechanisms that can be used to enhance both the natural and economic productivity of the soils of this state, as well as the soil's capacity to provide for improved surface water quality and flood prevention;
2. To evaluate the current and future effects of evolving atmospheric conditions and weather patterns on agriculture, making recommendations to the governor and General Assembly regarding how public and private stakeholders can prevent, mitigate, and adapt to their associated risks and impacts, including flood resilience measures and emerging opportunities for land use and rural economic development;
3. To investigate the incidence, prevalence and significance of pesticide drift and its impacts on agriculture and human health in Iowa and to make recommendations to the governor, General Assembly, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Health regarding policies, procedures, programs, regulations or statutes that can be adopted to eliminate the causes and minimize the impacts of pesticide drift, via water or air, including the development of an online system to provide for receiving, managing and publicly reporting on the status of complaints.

4. To explore de-carbonization technologies, systems and practices, making recommendations to the governor and General Assembly regarding state policies to support deep carbon emission reductions in the energy sector, through distributed generation, advanced energy storage, integrated resource planning and enhanced energy efficiency investments, while providing for economic expansion, job creation and social equity.

I thank you for your attention and consideration. Please contact me if the Legislative Council needs additional information about or justification for these requests.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chuck Isenhart".

Chuck Isenhart
State representative