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ECONOMIC GROWTH

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a regulatory efficiency commission.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15E.315 REGULATORY EFFICIENCY
2 COMMISSION.

3 1. A regulatory efficiency commission is established for
4 purposes of identifying unneeded, outdated, or ineffective
5 regulations, fines, and fees that hinder business development
6 or efficient governmental operation relative to business
7 development activities. The commission shall also develop
8 methods for streamlining business access to regulatory
9 information. The commission shall maintain an ongoing process
10 for inviting, receiving, and considering suggestions from the
11 public or others for regulatory changes. Commission staffing
12 shall be provided by the department.

13 2. The commission shall consist of ten voting members
14 appointed by the governor and four ex officio members.
15 Members appointed by the governor are subject to confirmation
16 by the senate and shall serve three-year staggered terms as
17 designated by the governor beginning and ending as provided in
18 section 69.19. A vacancy in membership shall be filled in the
19 same manner as the original appointment. The members shall
20 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual
21 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official
22 duties as a member. The members of the commission shall
23 select a chairperson and any other officers deemed by the
24 commission to be necessary from their membership. The
25 commission shall meet at least quarterly but may meet as often
26 as necessary. Meetings shall be set by a majority of the
27 commission or upon the call of the chairperson. A majority of
28 the commission members shall constitute a quorum.

29 a. The ten voting members shall consist of the following:

30 (1) Two members shall be economic development
31 representatives from two different chambers of commerce. One
32 shall be from a metropolitan area with more than fifty
33 thousand people and one shall be from a metropolitan area with
34 fifty thousand people or less.

35 (2) Two members representing agricultural interests.

1 (3) One member representing the Iowa association of
2 business and industry.

3 (4) One member representing commercial-based businesses.

4 (5) One member representing manufacturing-based
5 businesses.

6 (6) One member representing the Iowa environmental
7 council.

8 (7) One member representing labor interests.

9 (8) One member representing consumer advocacy
10 organizations.

11 b. The four ex officio members shall be members of the
12 general assembly. Two members shall be from the senate and
13 two members shall be from the house of representatives, with
14 not more than one member from each chamber being from the same
15 political party. The two senators shall be designated by the
16 president of the senate after consultation with the majority
17 and minority leaders of the senate. The two representatives
18 shall be designated by the speaker of the house of
19 representatives after consultation with the majority and
20 minority leaders of the house of representatives. Legislative
21 members shall serve in an ex officio, nonvoting capacity.

22 3. The commission shall submit a written report annually
23 by December 15 to the governor and the general assembly. The
24 report shall include the findings and legislative
25 recommendations of the commission. The report shall be
26 distributed by the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk
27 of the house of representatives to the chairpersons and
28 members of the administrative rules review committee and to
29 the standing committees in the senate and the house of
30 representatives that deal with economic development and
31 economic growth.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill establishes a regulatory efficiency commission
34 staffed by the department of economic development.

35 The purpose of the commission is to identify unneeded,

1 outdated, or ineffective regulations, fines, and fees that
2 hinder business development or efficient governmental
3 operation relative to business development activities and
4 develop methods for streamlining business access to regulatory
5 information. The commission is required to maintain a process
6 for inviting, receiving, and considering suggestions for
7 regulatory changes.

8 The commission's 10 voting members are appointed by the
9 governor to represent chambers of commerce, agricultural
10 interests, the Iowa association of business and industry,
11 commercial-based businesses, manufacturing-based businesses,
12 the Iowa environmental council, labor interests, and consumer
13 advocacy organizations.

14 The commission is required to report annually to the
15 governor and general assembly.

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