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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

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3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the establishment
4 of a legislative interim study committee to review
5 current issues and criminal penalties related to
6 persons under legal age who purchase, possess, and
7 consume alcohol.

8 WHEREAS, the purchase, possession, and consumption
9 of alcohol by persons under legal age is a significant
10 problem in Iowa; and

11 WHEREAS, persons under legal age who drink and
12 drive have been involved in numerous fatal traffic
13 accidents this past year; and

14 WHEREAS, law enforcement disparities exist across
15 the state related to the purchase, possession, and
16 consumption of alcohol by persons under legal age; and

17 WHEREAS, the criminal penalties for the purchase,
18 possession, and consumption of alcohol by persons
19 under legal age and other issues related to underage
20 drinking are in need of review; NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
22 SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is
23 requested to establish a legislative study committee
24 during the 2001 interim to review current issues, law
25 enforcement disparities, and criminal penalties
26 related to the purchase, possession, and consumption
27 of alcohol by persons under legal age. The study
28 shall include input from law enforcement officers,
29 parents, educators, high school students, college
30 students under the age of 21, representatives of

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1 substance abuse treatment programs, juvenile court
2 judges, juvenile court officers, county attorneys, and
3 representatives of businesses that sell alcohol to the
4 public. The study committee shall submit a report of
5 its findings and recommendations to the general
6 assembly by January 15, 2002.

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