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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

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1 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the legislative
2 council to establish an interim study committee to
3 review state policies relating to substance abuse
4 prevention and treatment.

5 WHEREAS, the incidence of substance abuse is a
6 significant factor contributing to the criminal
7 activity of many persons who commit crimes; and

8 WHEREAS, greater availability of substance abuse
9 treatment could significantly decrease the level of
10 criminal activity; and

11 WHEREAS, advertising the sale of alcohol and
12 persistent media exposure that positively portrays
13 alcohol consumption should be balanced with
14 counteradvertising depicting the serious health risks
15 associated with alcohol consumption; and

16 WHEREAS, addiction to alcohol or other chemical
17 substances is a community problem that is most
18 appropriately addressed with community-based solutions
19 to prevent addiction and to provide treatment; NOW
20 THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
22 SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is
23 requested to establish an interim study committee to
24 review state policies relating to substance abuse
25 prevention and treatment. In addition to five members
26 each from the senate and the house of representatives,
27 the legislative council should consider appointment to
28 the study committee of substance abuse treatment and
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1 prevention experts at the state and community levels
2 and other interested persons from Iowa communities;
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee
5 should be directed to consider the following
6 approaches: requiring substance abuse treatment for
7 criminal offenders, ensuring that each person with an
8 addiction can be provided with appropriate treatment,
9 developing approaches to make substance abuse
10 prevention an urgent priority in every community,
11 increasing alcohol and tobacco taxes, providing media
12 time for counteradvertising portraying the serious
13 health risks of alcohol usage, promoting community-
14 based solutions, and other proposals; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee
16 should be directed to report its findings and
17 recommendations for consideration by the governor and
18 the Seventy-ninth General Assembly, 2002 Session.

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