

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

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A Concurrent Resolution requesting establishment of an interim study committee by the legislative council to conduct a study of issues related to accountability and fraud in contracts or agreements between private contractors and the state of Iowa.

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa has numerous business agreements with private contractors to provide goods and services to the state through purchase contracts, requests for proposals, and other types of direct or indirect relationships; and

WHEREAS, concern has been expressed by citizens of this state regarding oversight of such contracts or agreements with private entities in order to ensure the quality and efficiency of goods and services provided to the state by such private contractors and to make the best possible use of taxpayer resources; and

WHEREAS, concern has also been expressed by citizens of this state regarding oversight of such contracts or agreements with private contractors to ensure that fraud does not occur pursuant to such contracts or agreements; and

WHEREAS, the general assembly believes that a comprehensive study of issues related to fraud and accountability in contracts or agreements with private contractors by the state is necessary and in the best interests of the economic health of the citizens of the state of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is requested to establish an interim study committee to conduct a comprehensive study of issues concerning the oversight of contracts or agreements with private contractors to ensure accountability and to prevent fraud

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1 in such contracts or agreements; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study committee  
3 should be composed of 10 members consisting of members from both  
4 political parties and both houses of the general assembly;  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consult with  
7 staff in state agencies who have worked on accountability  
8 measures and antifraud efforts and the committee may consult  
9 with other groups in the state or with staff members in other  
10 states or national organizations that have worked on  
11 accountability measures and antifraud efforts; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be staffed  
13 by the legislative service bureau and the legislative fiscal  
14 bureau, and shall begin its deliberations following  
15 the adjournment of the 2001 Session of the General Assembly, and  
16 shall issue its report of recommendations by January 1, 2002.

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