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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

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A Concurrent Resolution requesting the legislative council to include additional issues in the charge of the mental health and developmental disabilities services restructuring task force.

WHEREAS, the legislative council has authorized the mental health and developmental disabilities services restructuring task force to meet during the 2001 legislative interim to review options and to make recommendations for standardizing core services, emphasizing community services, replacing the legal settlement process, increasing federal funding for services and for housing, developing a formula in which funding follows consumers, addressing financial risk, redefining state and county rules to enhance consumer choice, and other issues concerning these services; and

WHEREAS, state and local funding for such services and equity in financing ability between counties has received significant debate during the 2001 legislative session as part of efforts to adjust for lower than anticipated state revenues; and

WHEREAS, other states that have locally administered mental health and developmental disabilities services have significantly increased federal financial participation in the funding of those services and Iowa policymakers may be able to replicate those approaches; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE

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1 SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is
2 requested to charge the mental health and
3 developmental disabilities services restructuring task
4 force with giving particular attention to financing
5 issues, including equity in financing capacity,
6 options for improving the ability of counties to
7 secure federal financial participation in the cost of
8 services, and developing further the pilot project to
9 decategorize the funding of such services provided to
10 adults and to include related recommendations in the
11 task force report made to the governor and the
12 Seventy-ninth General Assembly, 2002 Session.

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