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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

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A House Concurrent Resolution requesting the legislative council to establish an interim study committee to study the feasibility of merging counties in the state.

WHEREAS, the declining populations of a significant number of counties is creating an increasing financial burden on taxpayers in those counties; and

WHEREAS, counties were originally organized to provide government services conveniently to more populated rural constituencies with slower, less efficient means of communication and transportation; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of services provided by county governments in this state has not been undertaken in recent years; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is requested to establish an interim committee to study the feasibility of merging counties in this state to provide convenient county governmental services with increased efficiencies and at lower costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That to the extent possible, the legislative council shall appoint members of the House and Senate standing committees on local government, judiciary, transportation, and human resources to the interim committee. The membership of the interim committee should also include representation from the Iowa state association of

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1 counties, the Iowa league of cities, councils of
2 governments, and metropolitan or regional planning
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