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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a pilot project for establishing an Iowa main
2 street project in a neighborhood commercial district.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. PILOT PROJECT RECOMMENDATION. By January 14,
2 2002, the department of economic development shall submit a
3 report to the general assembly providing a plan to conduct a
4 pilot project under the Iowa main street program in a
5 neighborhood commercial district in a city with a population
6 of more than fifty thousand. The pilot project shall be
7 designed to stimulate economic growth in the neighborhood
8 commercial district within the context of historic
9 preservation and establish a partnership between public and
10 private interests to revitalize the neighborhood commercial
11 district. The pilot project shall emphasize community self-
12 reliance and the neighborhood commercial district's
13 traditional assets of personal service, local ownership, and
14 unique architecture. In selecting a neighborhood commercial
15 district for the pilot project, the department shall consider
16 evidence of an existing neighborhood commercial district,
17 evidence of public support within the neighborhood commercial
18 district, evidence of public and private funding, evidence of
19 historic building fabric, potential for realization of goals,
20 current community demographics, previous history, and
21 readiness.

22 EXPLANATION

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24 department of economic development shall submit a report to
25 the general assembly providing a plan to conduct a pilot
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28 50,000. The bill provides that the pilot project shall be
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