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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an economic development consortium.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15.115 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
2 CONSORTIUM.

3 1. By October 1, 2002, the department shall organize an
4 economic development consortium for purposes of studying the
5 enhancement of economic growth in this state. At a minimum,
6 the consortium shall consist of representatives from the
7 department; a representative from the state university of
8 Iowa, the Iowa state university of science and technology, and
9 the university of northern Iowa; a representative of the Iowa
10 business council; and any members of the general public that
11 the department determines would provide a valuable
12 contribution to the consortium.

13 2. The consortium shall develop a model of best practices
14 and incorporate the practices into proposals for consideration
15 by the general assembly. In developing the model, the
16 consortium shall consider all of the following:

- 17 a. Current programs administered by the department.
- 18 b. Current general practices exercised by the department
19 in executing the duties of the department.
- 20 c. Any areas of economic development that are not
21 currently addressed or are insufficiently addressed by or
22 through the programs of the department.
- 23 d. Any comprehensive or strategic planning undertaken by
24 the department.
- 25 e. Any other related topics deemed necessary by the
26 consortium.

27 3. By January 1, 2004, the consortium shall submit a
28 report to the general assembly which shall include all the
29 findings and proposals developed by the consortium.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill creates an economic development consortium.
32 The bill provides that, by October 1, 2002, the department
33 shall organize an economic development consortium for purposes
34 of studying the enhancement of economic growth in this state.
35 The bill provides that the consortium shall develop a model of

1 best practices and incorporate the practices into proposals
2 for consideration by the general assembly. The bill provides
3 that in developing the model, the consortium shall consider
4 current programs administered by the department, current
5 general practices exercised by the department in executing the
6 duties of the department, any areas of economic development
7 that are not currently addressed or are insufficiently
8 addressed by or through the programs of the department, any
9 comprehensive or strategic planning undertaken by the
10 department, and any other related topics deemed necessary by
11 the consortium. The bill provides that, by January 1, 2004,
12 the consortium shall submit a report to the general assembly
13 which shall include all the findings and proposals developed
14 by the consortium.

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