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HOUSE FILE 2711
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 625)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to building regulations, by establishing an
2 internet website in the office of the state building code
3 commissioner and requiring local governmental entities to
4 report the adoption or amendment of local building
5 regulations, and providing an effective date.

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

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2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Develop and maintain a publicly
4 accessible internet website that lists state and local
5 building regulations. The commissioner shall create a form
6 for submission of building regulations, and make such form
7 available electronically and in paper form. If a governmental
8 subdivision has not adopted building regulations, the
9 commissioner shall so indicate on the website. The
10 commissioner may include a summary of the state building code
11 on the website, describing in plain language the structures to
12 which the code applies; however, a disclaimer shall be posted
13 with the summary that it is not an official, binding
14 interpretation of the state building code.

15 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 103A.24 LOCAL BUILDING REGULATIONS.

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17 enacts an ordinance adopting local building regulations,
18 including amendments thereto, relating to any building or
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20 subdivision shall report such adoption to the commissioner on
21 a form provided by the commissioner within thirty days after
22 the ordinance is effective.

23 Sec. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENT. The governing body of each
24 governmental subdivision shall report to the commissioner on a
25 form provided by the commissioner all local building
26 regulations relating to any building or structure within the
27 boundaries of the governmental subdivision to the office of
28 the commissioner on or before October 1, 2006. If a
29 governmental subdivision has not adopted any local building
30 regulations, the governing body shall so report to the
31 commissioner on a form provided by the commissioner on or
32 before October 1, 2006.

33 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
34 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

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2 the state building code commissioner for the public to have
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4 state. The commissioner is required to create a form for
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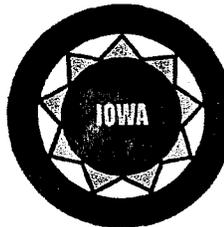
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Kevin W. Techau
Commissioner

TO: Members of the Iowa General Assembly

FROM: Ross Loder, Legislative Liaison
Iowa Department of Public Safety

DATE: February 1, 2006

RE: Departmental study bill related to reporting of building code adoptions (TL5B 5403XD 81).

Industrial recruiters and economic development officials, as well as architects, engineers, and contractors currently have no way simple method of determining what building codes are in effect within different Iowa cities and counties.

The Fire Marshal's Building Code Bureau, which is a part of DPS, fields numerous calls from persons attempting to determine the codes that are in effect in one or more cities and counties. Unfortunately, even the state Building Code Commissioner does not have this information.

By way of this study bill, DPS recommends requiring the state Building Code Commissioner, who is housed within DPS, to develop and maintain a publicly accessible website listing the building codes in effect for the state generally, as well as individual cities and counties. Providing citizens a single location to access information about building codes throughout the state is the type of "good government" measure that costs relatively little, while potentially paying large rewards in terms of citizen and business satisfaction with Iowa government.

To make it possible to develop and maintain an accurate and current Internet listing of code adoptions by Iowa's local governments, under this bill cities and counties would be required to report to their code adoptions to the state Building Code Commissioner. To alleviate concern that a local government may have about the cost of postage to submit information to the department, the bill specifically requires the state Building Code Commissioner to make available to local officials an on-line form so information about code adoptions can be submitted to the department electronically.