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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY PAULSEN

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3 A Resolution requesting the establishment of an  
4 interim study committee by the legislative  
5 council to conduct a study of issues related to the  
6 costs of professional liability (malpractice)  
7 insurance for health care providers in Iowa.

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9 care providers and health care facilities for  
10 liability claims arising from the examination, care,  
11 and treatment of health care patients; and

12 WHEREAS, the cost of medical liability insurance  
13 has increased, limiting access to quality health care  
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20 possible solutions to alleviate problems regarding the  
21 availability and affordability of medical liability  
22 insurance in Iowa. The interim committee may  
23 consider, but not be limited to considering, a broad  
24 range of factors affecting the availability and  
25 affordability of medical liability insurance in Iowa,  
26 including medical malpractice incidents over the past  
27 five years, the premium amounts charged by medical  
28 liability insurers, the type of damages awarded in  
29 medical liability actions, insurance regulatory  
30 requirements, and applicable state and federal law.

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2 council shall select the members of the committee,  
3 which shall include three members of the house of  
4 representatives, two members appointed by the speaker  
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7 co-presidents of the senate, all of whom shall be  
8 voting members; and representatives of medical  
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10 health care facilities that purchase medical liability  
11 insurance, attorneys that represent plaintiffs in  
12 medical liability actions, attorneys that represent  
13 defendants in medical liability actions, and any other  
14 parties or experts as deemed appropriate by the  
15 legislative council, all of whom shall be nonvoting  
16 members; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee  
18 shall submit a report to the general assembly on or  
19 before January 15, 2006, regarding the committee's  
20 findings and recommended solutions, including proposed  
21 legislation, to make medical liability insurance more  
22 available and more affordable in Iowa.

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**H-1487**

1 Amend House Resolution 50 as follows:  
2 1. Page 2, line 3, by striking the word "three"  
3 and inserting the following: "four".  
4 2. Page 2, line 5, by striking the words "one  
5 member" and inserting the following: "two members".

By SWAIM of Davis

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LOST

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**H-1493**

1 Amend House Resolution 50 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking line 30, and inserting the  
3 following: "requirements, and applicable federal and  
4 state law, including a review of chapter 519A, Iowa's  
5 medical malpractice insurance statute."  
6 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By JOCHUM of Dubuque

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(AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 26, 2005)

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