

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

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2 BY HUSER, HEATON, WISE, BOAL, MASCHER, SHOULTZ, BELL,
3 BERRY, PETTENGILL, SHOMSHOR, LUKAN, STRUYK, DIX,
4 PETERSEN, DANDEKAR, and MERTZ

5 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to
6 create an adoption subsidy program advisory committee
7 for the 2006 Legislative Interim.

8 WHEREAS, Iowa's adoption subsidy program is
9 successful in securing and supporting adoptive
10 families for children who have been separated from
11 birth parents by the state; and

12 WHEREAS, the success of the adoption subsidy
13 program has resulted in significant annual increases
14 in expenditures for the program; and

15 WHEREAS, it is important to develop a strategy for
16 addressing expenditure increases without negatively
17 impacting the families participating in the program;
18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
20 That the legislative council is requested to create an
21 adoption subsidy program advisory committee for the
22 2006 Legislative Interim to study the rising rate of
23 adoption subsidy program expenditures in order to
24 identify possible approaches for containing program
25 expenditures without negatively impacting the families
26 participating in the program; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee
28 membership should include at least four legislators
29 and the following persons or their representatives:
30 the director of human services, the director of the

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1 child advocacy board within the department of
2 inspections and appeals, the chairperson of the family
3 law section of the Iowa state bar association, and the
4 director of the Iowa foster and adoptive parent
5 association; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the information and
7 issues considered by the advisory committee should
8 include all of the following: The effects of rising
9 adoption subsidy program expenditures, the potential
10 effects of changes in the subsidy program on adoption
11 rates, the level of maintenance subsidy payment rates
12 in this state as compared to those paid in other
13 states similar to Iowa, the relative financial burden
14 of all adoption subsidies including those for special
15 needs, the potential effects of redirecting funds
16 provided to family and group foster care to the
17 adoption subsidy program, and identification of
18 alternative funding sources for the adoption subsidy
19 program; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the department of
21 human services shall provide necessary information to
22 the advisory committee concerning the current status
23 of the adoption subsidy program, expenditure
24 information, and other data; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee
26 should be directed to report with findings and
27 recommendations to the joint appropriations
28 subcommittee on health and human services and the
29 committees on human resources of the senate and house
30 of representatives for consideration during the 2007

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