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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151

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A Resolution requesting the legislative council to  
establish an interim committee to conduct a study  
of issues related to home visiting for families  
with a newborn child.

WHEREAS, newborn support and home visiting programs  
and services are pillars of the early childhood Iowa  
strategic plan and important elements for integrating  
the state's early care, health, and education systems;  
and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that there are existing  
newborn support and home visiting programs in the  
state that vary greatly in delivery methods, content  
of visits, staffing, and target populations, and that  
parents of newborn children often do not know how to  
access available community resources; and

WHEREAS, there is research and outcome data from  
other states' models that prove newborn support and  
home visiting programs reduce child abuse rates; NOW  
THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
That the legislative council is requested to establish  
an interim committee for the 2006 Legislative Interim  
to conduct a study of issues related to home visiting  
for families with a newborn child; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee  
should be charged to provide the governor and the  
general assembly with recommendations for providing a

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1 one-time universal home visit for families with a  
2 newborn child; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee  
4 should be charged to consider any of the following  
5 information and issues: statewide prevalence of  
6 newborn home visits and support programs, content of  
7 home visits, linkages and coordination between  
8 programs, competencies for home visitor staffing,  
9 professional development, strengths and limitations of  
10 programs, gaps and barriers, data collection, and  
11 evaluation and outcome measures; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislative  
13 council is requested to appoint the representatives of  
14 the following interests as nonvoting members in  
15 addition to legislators appointed to serve as voting  
16 members: the Iowa department of public health, the  
17 department of human services, the department of human  
18 rights, the department of education, the Iowa hospital  
19 association, the Iowa empowerment board, the community  
20 empowerment office of the department of management,  
21 the state board of health, family support and home  
22 visiting program providers, the business community,  
23 consumers, early education providers, and other  
24 parties or experts as deemed appropriate by the  
25 legislative council; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee  
27 should be directed to submit a report to the general  
28 assembly for consideration during the 2007 Legislative  
29 Session regarding the committee's findings and  
30 recommendations on issues related to home visiting,

1 including proposed legislation to provide a universal  
2 one-time home visit and support for all families in  
3 the state with a newborn child.

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