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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 2387
Committee: Human Resources
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Study of Elder Abuse

House File 2387 directs the Iowa Department on Aging to conduct a study of elder abuse in Iowa and state laws governing these situations. The Department is engage a number of other groups in this study and report back to the Legislature prior to the start of the 2013 session.

Summary of Action

Committee Action – The House Human Resources Committee **PASSED** House File 2387 on a vote of 21-0 on February 21, 2012.

House Action – The House **PASSED** House File 2387 on a vote of 97-0 on March 6, 2012.

Senate Action – The Senate **PASSED** House File 2387 on a vote of 49-0 on March 21, 2012.

Final Action – The Governor **SIGNED** House File 2387 on April 4, 2012.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Elder Abuse Review and Report – The section instructs the Iowa Department on Aging to work with the Department of Inspections and Appeals, the Department of Human Services, the Attorney General's office, and other groups to review the occurrence of elder abuse in Iowa, and Iowa's laws regarding these situations.

The review is required to include:

- Looking at the current occurrence of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of Iowans 60 years old and older;
- Review of other state laws governing elder abuse; and
- Analysis of current Iowa law regarding elder abuse, and recommendations for improvements.

The report is to be completed and submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2012.