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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 149
Committee: Labor
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Member: Rep. Horbach

“Iowa is a Right-to-Work State” bill

House File 149 is the “Iowa is a Right-to-Work State” bill. HF 149 requires the Department of Economic Development to include the phrase “**Iowa is a Right-to-Work State**” in bold letters on all business recruitment, promotional, and, if deemed appropriate by the department, tourism literature.

Summary of Action

Passed Labor Committee 10-6

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Labor Relations

This new section requires the Department of Economic Development to include the phrase “**Iowa is a Right-to-Work State**” in bold letters on all business recruitment, promotional, and, if deemed appropriate by the department, tourism literature.

Amendment Analysis

H-1072 by Kearns – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “Iowa has some of the most skilled and productive members of the workforce in the world”

H-1038 by Murphy – adds “and that Iowa is a Judeo-Christian State” to materials as well

H-1039 by Murphy – adds “and that Iowa is an English only state” to materials as well

H-1040 by Murphy – adds the Pledge of Allegiance to materials as well

H-1041 by Murphy – adds “and that Iowa has statistical reporting of abortions” to materials as well

H-1042 by Murphy – adds “and that it is in the Iowa Code that marriage is between a man and a woman” to materials as well

H-1043 by Murphy – adds “and that Iowa has parental notification for minors seeking an abortion” to materials as well

H-1044 by Murphy – adds “and Iowa’s average unemployment rate from the previous year and how Iowa ranked nationally with respect to average unemployment rates” to materials as well

H-1045 by Murphy – adds “and Iowa’s average wage from the previous year and how Iowa ranked nationally with respect to average wages” to materials as well

H-1046 by Murphy – adds the image of an American flag to materials as well

H-1071 by Murphy – further describes the position and size of the flag

H-1047 by Willems – strikes “Right-to-Work” and replaces it with “an Open Shop”

H-1048 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s local property tax abatement

H-1049 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s economic incentives regarding property taxes resulting from increased taxable valuation caused by new industrial or commercial facilities

H-1050 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s worker’s compensation costs

H-1051 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s regulatory assistance programs

H-1052 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing the ability to access an internet site containing some of Iowa’s economic incentives for businesses

H-1053 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on incentives for green initiatives”

H-1054 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on information and communication technology services”

H-1055 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing shipping costs and the importance of barge shipments on the Mississippi river

H-1056 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with the top ten survey results from annual corporate surveys

H-1057 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on the importance of Iowa as an agriculture products international exporter”

H-1058 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s federal deductibility

H-1059 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s nonunitary tax

H-1060 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s personal property tax assessment rules

H-1061 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on labor costs”

H-1062 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s sales or use tax exemption for industrial machinery and computers

H-1063 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with language referencing Iowa’s refundable tax credit for research activities

H-1064 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on highway accessibility”

H-1065 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on tax incentives”

H-1066 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on energy availability and costs”

H-1067 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on sustainable development”

H-1068 by Hunter – strikes the Right-to-Work language and replaces it with “the latest information on the availability of Iowa’s skilled labor”

H-1069 by Hunter – adds “and that Iowa allows gays to marry” to materials as well

Lobbyist Declarations

For

ABI

Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce

PDI

IA Department of Economic Development

Against

AFSCME IA Council 61

Iowa Federation of Labor

Great Plains Laborers District Council