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## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Bill: House File 329  
Committee: Commerce  
Floor Manager: Representative Ross Paustian  
Date: July 14, 2011  
Staff: Brad Trow (1-3471)

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### Equipment Dealership Agreements

House File 329 addresses liability issues between equipment suppliers and equipment dealers. These issues have arisen out of recent litigation in Iowa.

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### Summary of Action

**Committee Action** – The Commerce Committee **PASSED** House File 329 on a vote of 22-0 on February 16, 2011.

**House Action** – The House **ADOPTED** House File 329 on a vote of 96-0 on March 1, 2011.

**Senate Action** – The Senate **ADOPTED** House File 329 on a vote of 49-0 on April 4, 2011.

**Final Action** – The Governor **SIGNED** House File 329 on April 12, 2011.

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### Section by Section Analysis

**Section 1** – The section amends Iowa Code section 322F.7 (Violations), by clarifying that a violation of Chapter 322F includes, but is not limited to, the situations listed in 322F.

**Section 2** – The section amends Iowa Code section 322F.8 (1) (a), by clarifying that an equipment dealer may bring suit against an equipment supplier for any violation of chapter 322F, including those in 322F.7.

**Section 3** – The section amends Iowa Code section 322F.8 (2) by clarifying that if an equipment supplier is found liable for damages from violating chapter 322F, then the supplier must also pay interest to the dealer at the same amount that is required for failing to repurchase equipment. The section also clarifies that a civil penalty imposed on an equipment supplier is in addition to the repurchase amount owed to the dealer.