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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council and State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

House File 315 would put the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council and the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council in the Iowa Code. These groups exist without recognition in the Code currently. They are operated by the Department of Human Rights.

Summary of Action

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 –Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council – State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council - Section 1 codifies the Iowa Collaboration For Youth Development Council and the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council. The section defines a “youth” as children and young persons between 6 and 21 years old.

The Collaboration for Youth Development Council is a group of state agencies that address youth issues. The mission statement is “All Iowa youth will be safe, healthy, successful, and prepared for adulthood”. The section also lists all the state agencies and boards that will be members. The duties of the Council are laid out and the Council shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on February 1.

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council will provide input to the Governor, Legislature, and other policymakers on youth issues. The Council shall consist of no more than 21 members between the age of 14 and 20, and shall serve 2 year terms. Members shall be selected by the Director of Human Rights or his designee and they will “strive” to maintain a diverse council membership, taking into consideration race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender and geographic location. The Council shall meet at least quarterly.

