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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 72

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign the appropriate study committee to study and make recommendations concerning issues related to facilitating an Indiana based local farm and food product economy.

Whereas, There is a growing concern over access to healthy and affordable food options in small towns and urban neighborhoods;

Whereas, There exists in our country today large areas called food deserts whose population is without access to affordable foods;

Whereas, There is an attempt to seek to leverage our state's rich history and tradition in agriculture to help provide a



solution to this problem;

Whereas, The creation of the Indiana Farm and Food Council, bringing together state agencies, Purdue University, farmers, distributors, retailers, and the nonprofit community, could help to identify workable solutions to address the problem of access to healthy and affordable food options; and

Whereas, The issues relating to facilitation of an Indiana based local farm and food product economy merits further study: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign the
2 appropriate study committee to study and make recommendations
3 concerning issues related to facilitating an Indiana based local farm and
4 food product economy.
- 5 SECTION 2. The committee's topics could include:
- 6 1. The study of ways to grow Indiana's local food production.
7 2. The study of the distribution, retail sale of food, and areas that
8 lack access.
9 3. The study of strategies to help empower and educate Hoosiers
10 to make healthier food choices.

