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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Study Aging and Outdated Long-term Care Facilities'**

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1 Study. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall use existing resources available for long-term care purposes to perform a study of aging and outdated long-term care facilities. The study must evaluate the adequacy of existing nursing facilities and residential care facilities, safety risks, recent changes in facility and program design, the ability of current facilities to serve residents with special needs and the financial and regulatory barriers associated with developing modern long-term care facilities. In performing the study the department shall involve a broad range of stakeholders and shall engage the services of consultants and experts as appropriate. The department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2010, including in the report recommendations for legislative action. The committee may submit legislation regarding aging and outdated long-term care facilities to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment removes those provisions of the resolve establishing a commission. The amendment removes emergency language from the resolve. It adds a new title. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to use existing resources available for long-term care purposes to perform a study of aging and outdated long-term care facilities. The department is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2010. The committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.