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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois currently has approximately  
3 600,655 unemployed workers; and

4 WHEREAS, The national unemployment rate has steadily  
5 declined over the past year; during this time, the unemployment  
6 rate in the State of Illinois has increased to 8.2%; and

7 WHEREAS, The Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works  
8 Act was amended in 2010 by Public Act 96-929 to allow for its  
9 implementation by the Department of Labor; and

10 WHEREAS, The implementation of the Employment of Illinois  
11 Workers on Public Works Act will ensure that Illinois residents  
12 are being employed on projects using public dollars, helping  
13 decrease unemployment in the State; and

14 WHEREAS, In order to implement and enforce the Employment  
15 of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, a study should be  
16 conducted to validate claims that employing Illinois residents  
17 for public works projects will decrease the rate of  
18 unemployment in the State; and

19 WHEREAS, The Department of Labor has the responsibility to  
20 use any means available to enforce the laws passed by the

1 General Assembly; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 the Department of Labor shall conduct a study, as soon as  
5 practicably possible, on the impact that the Employment of  
6 Illinois Workers on Public Works Act will have on unemployment  
7 in the State and assemble any other relevant information  
8 regarding the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works  
9 Act and its impact on the State; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the Department of Labor may collect any data  
11 necessary from local municipalities to conduct such a study;  
12 and be it further

13       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the Department of Labor.