

# **Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill House File 2694**

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**An Act relating to and making appropriations involving State government entities associated with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection.**

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## **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**FUNDING SUMMARY**

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**General Fund FY 2025:** Appropriates a total of \$47.0 million from the General Fund and 1,618.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$3.5 million and an increase of 204.0 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2024. The total includes an increase of \$500,000 that is contingent upon the administration of the Butchery Innovation Program being transferred from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs).

The General Fund changes include:

- An increase of \$997,000 to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Operations.
- An increase of \$982,000 to the DALs Administrative Division.
- A new appropriation of \$500,000 for the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program contingent upon the transfer of the administration of the Program to the DALs.
- A new appropriation of \$250,000 to support park accessibility in State Parks and recreation areas.
- A new appropriation of \$250,000 for a new Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot Program.
- A new appropriation of \$150,000 to assist with moving expenses for the Iowa State University (ISU) Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.
- A new appropriation of \$150,000 for forestry management.
- An increase of \$100,000 for livestock disease research.
- An increase of \$100,000 to the Choose Iowa Promotional Program.

**Other Funds FY 2025:** Appropriates a total of \$96.4 million from other funds. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024. This Bill appropriates \$49.8 million from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, \$42.0 million from the Environment First Fund (EFF), \$3.5 million from the Groundwater Protection Fund (GWPF), and \$1.2 million from various other funds.

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42.0 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the EFF, and this Bill appropriates the following amounts to the following departments for FY 2024:

- \$17.3 million to the DALs.
- \$24.0 million to the DNR.
- \$695,000 to the University of Iowa (UI).

This Bill appropriates \$12.0 million from the EFF to the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund in lieu of the \$20.0 million General Fund standing appropriation in Iowa Code chapter [455A](#) and

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allocates \$1.0 million from the Open Spaces Account of the REAP to be used for State Park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment for FY 2025. This Bill also appropriates \$375,000 for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program in addition to a \$1.5 million appropriation from the General Fund.

#### **NEW PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ACTIVITIES**

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A new appropriation of \$250,000 to the DALs for the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot Project. The Project will provide assistance to schools and food banks in the purchase of locally sourced foods. Page 5, Line 18

A new appropriation of \$250,000 to the DNR to increase accessibility for people with disabilities in State Parks and recreation areas. Page 7, Line 34

A new appropriation of \$150,000 to ISU for expenses related to the move of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to its new building. Page 11, Line 27

A new appropriation of \$150,000 and 1.0 FTE position to ISU for the management of private forests in southeast Iowa. Page 12, Line 2

A new appropriation of \$500,000 for the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program contingent upon the transfer of the administration of the Program to the DALs from the IEDA. Page 23, Line 15

#### **MAJOR INCREASES/DECREASES/TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS**

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**General Fund — DALs Administrative Division:** Appropriates a total of \$20.2 million and 420.0 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$982,000 and 81.8 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2024. Page 1, Line 4

**General Fund — DNR Operations:** Appropriates a total of \$12.9 million and 1,146.0 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$997,000 and 120.3 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2024. Page 7, Line 9

#### **STUDIES AND INTENT**

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##### *Intent*

Requires the DALs to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with ISU to support the Local Food and Farm Program Coordinator position. Page 3, Line 4

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Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the Fish and Game Protection Fund to provide funding of insurance premiums from unused sick leave balances of retiring conservation peace officers.	Page 8, Line 23
Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the Fish and Game Protection Fund for salary adjustment costs for FY 2025.	Page 8, Line 29
Requires the appropriation for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to revert to the State General Fund at the end of FY 2025 if the moneys are not allocated to the College of Veterinary Medicine.	Page 11, Line 22
Allows the DNR to use up to \$1,000,000 from the Open Spaces Account for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment for FY 2025.	Page 22, Line 6
<i>Nonreversion</i>	
Allows unexpended funds from the Dairy Survey Program to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026	Page 2, Line 30
Allows unexpended funds from the Local Food and Farm Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.	Page 3, Line 9
Allows unexpended funds from the Iowa FFA Association appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.	Page 3, Line 19
Allows unexpended funds from the Farmers With Disabilities Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.	Page 4, Line 20
Allows the unexpended funds from the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.	Page 10, Line 15
Allows unexpended funds from the Forestry Health Management appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.	Page 10, Line 24
Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2026 or until a specific project is completed, whichever is earlier.	Page 18, Line 30
Specifies that the Hungry Canyons allocation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund in this Bill is exempt from the reversion date of FY 2026.	Page 19, Line 13

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#### *Required Reports*

Requires the DALs to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the Department of Management (DOM) detailing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for DALs administration, regulation, and programs. Page 1, Line 25

Requires the DALs to submit a report on its findings and recommendations for the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot Project to the Governor and General Assembly no later than January 15, 2025. Page 7, Line 4

Requires the DNR to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the DOM detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for DNR administration, regulation, and programs. Page 7, Line 28

#### **SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES**

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Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations for soil and water conservation practices to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2028. Page 19, Line 4

Prohibits the DALs from using more than 5.00% of the unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the Choose Iowa Fund for administration. Page 23, Line 31

Prohibits the DALs from using more than 5.00% of the unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the Dairy Innovation Fund for administration. Page 24, Line 2

Prohibits the DALs from using more than 5.00% of the unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program Fund for administration if 2024 Iowa Acts, [HF 2641](#) (Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities Bill), or successor legislation is enacted. Page 24, Line 8

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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Part B of Division VIII of the Bill takes effect July 1, 2024, if the transfer of the Butchery Innovation Program from the IEDA to the DALs occurs by July 1, 2024. Page 23, Line 24

House File 2694 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

<b>Page #</b>	<b>Line #</b>	<b>Bill Section</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Code Section</b>
23	31	29	Add	159.31.2A
24	2	30	Add	159.31A.2A
24	8	31	Add	152.1.2A

1 1 DIVISION I  
 1 2 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
 1 3 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

1 4 Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.  
 1 5 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
 1 6 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
 1 7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,  
 1 8 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 1 9 used for the purposes designated:  
 1 10 For purposes of supporting the department, including its  
 1 11 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for  
 1 12 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and  
 1 13 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
 1 14 ..... \$ 20,192,310  
 1 15 ..... FTEs 420.00

General Fund appropriation to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) for operations.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$982,116 and 81.75 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions compared to estimated FY 2024 for Department operations.

1 16 2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following  
 1 17 amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and  
 1 18 technology, to be used for the university's midwest grape and  
 1 19 wine industry institute:  
 1 20 ..... \$ 325,000

Transfers \$325,000 of the General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute at Iowa State University (ISU).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

1 21 3. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the  
 1 22 department shall use \$250,000 for purposes of administering  
 1 23 and supporting additional meat and poultry inspectors and fuel  
 1 24 inspectors.

Specifies that \$250,000 of the DALs Administration Division appropriation must be used to support additional meat and poultry inspectors and fuel inspectors.

1 25 4. The department shall submit a report each quarter of  
 1 26 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department  
 1 27 of management. The report shall describe in detail the  
 1 28 expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support  
 1 29 the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

Requires the DALs to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the Department of Management (DOM) detailing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for DALs administration, regulation, and programs.

1 30 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

1 31 Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS —  
 1 32 HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys  
 1 33 available under section 99D.13 to the department of agriculture  
 1 34 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

Appropriation to the DALs from unclaimed pari-mutuel winnings for enforcement of horse and dog racing laws.

1 35 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so  
 2 1 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 2 2 designated:  
 2 3 For purposes of supporting the department's administration  
 2 4 and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section  
 2 5 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and  
 2 6 miscellaneous purposes:  
 2 7 ..... \$ 305,516

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

2 8 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR  
 2 9 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable  
 2 10 fuel infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the  
 2 11 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal  
 2 12 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the  
 2 13 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 2 14 used for the purposes designated:  
 2 15 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including  
 2 16 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:  
 2 17 ..... \$ 500,000

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund (RFIF) appropriation to the DALs for motor fuel inspections.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

2 18 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS  
 2 19 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO  
 2 20 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
 2 21 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship  
 2 22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June  
 2 23 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is  
 2 24 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2 25 1. DAIRY REGULATION  
 2 26 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section  
 2 27 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and  
 2 28 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:  
 2 29 ..... \$ 189,196

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Dairy Survey Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The DALs is responsible for annually certifying all milk labeled Grade "A" pasteurized and Grade "A" raw milk for pasteurization. When the survey results show that requirements for production, processing, and distribution are not met, the DALs initiates procedures to suspend the permit of the violator.

2 30 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 2 31 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 2 32 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 2 33 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Dairy Survey Program to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.



2 34 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

2 35 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Local Food and Farm Program.

3 1 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm

3 2 program pursuant to chapter 267A:

3 3 ..... \$ 75,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Program requires the DALs to work in cooperation with ISU Extension and Outreach. The Program facilitates communication between farmers, food entrepreneurs, and consumers while encouraging coordination among various government agencies, universities, organizations, and businesses. In addition, the Program funds special projects in local food markets.

3 4 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement  
3 5 with Iowa State University of Science and Technology to support  
3 6 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of  
3 7 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture  
3 8 and home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

Requires the DALs to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with ISU to support the Local Food and Farm Program Coordinator position.

3 9 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
3 10 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
3 11 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
3 12 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
3 13 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Local Food and Farm Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

3 14 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Iowa FFA Association.

3 15 a. For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association  
3 16 affiliated with a national organization that promotes  
3 17 agricultural education providing for future farmers:

3 18 ..... \$ 75,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The FFA Association is a student organization for students interested in agriculture, education, and leadership. The organization works with individual students and guides them to achieve personal growth through agricultural education.

3 19 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
3 20 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
3 21 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
3 22 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
3 23 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Iowa FFA Association appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

3 24 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Foreign Animal Disease Program.

3 25 a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness

3 26 and response fund created in section 163.3B:  
 3 27 ..... \$ 1,000,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy works to develop practical, cost-effective plans to control and/or eradicate foreign animal diseases.

3 28 b. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment  
 3 29 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease  
 3 30 preparedness and response strategy developed under section  
 3 31 163.3B:  
 3 32 ..... \$ 250,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for foreign animal disease equipment.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation is used to purchase and maintain equipment used in the Foreign Animal Disease Program.

3 33 c. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines  
 3 34 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that  
 3 35 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:  
 4 1 ..... \$ 250,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the development of livestock vaccines.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation is used to assist in the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases.

4 2 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM  
 4 3 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with  
 4 4 disabilities:  
 4 5 ..... \$ 230,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Farmers With Disabilities Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The moneys will be used by the Easter Seals Society of Iowa for the Rural Solutions Program. The funding provides assistance to farm family members and rural residents with disabilities. The Easter Seals Society of Iowa offers agricultural work site and home modification consultations, peer support, and services for each family. The Rural Solutions Program began in 1986 and provides assistance to farm family members and rural residents with disabilities.

4 6 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be  
 4 7 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national  
 4 8 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in  
 4 9 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special  
 4 10 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally  
 4 11 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated  
 4 12 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through  
 4 13 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance  
 4 14 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the

Specifies requirements for receiving moneys through the Farmers With Disabilities Program.

4 15 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged  
 4 16 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home  
 4 17 modification consultations, peer support services, services  
 4 18 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan  
 4 19 services.

4 20 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 4 21 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 4 22 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 4 23 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
 4 24 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Farmers With Disabilities Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

4 25 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

General Fund appropriation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund.

4 26 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and  
 4 27 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.2:  
 4 28 ..... \$ 400,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The funds are used by the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Authority to protect natural resources in the deep loess soil region of western Iowa.

4 29 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills  
 4 30 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$360,000  
 4 31 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

Allocates \$360,000 from the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund appropriation to the Hungry Canyons Account.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to FY 2024.

4 32 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the  
 4 33 fund's hungry canyons account as provided in this paragraph may  
 4 34 be used for administrative costs.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% of the funds allocated to the Hungry Canyons Account for administration.

4 35 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills  
 5 1 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$40,000  
 5 2 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance account.

Allocates \$40,000 from the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund to the Loess Hills Alliance Account.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

5 3 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to  
 5 4 the fund's loess hills alliance account as provided in this  
 5 5 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$40,000) of the funds allocated to the Loess Hills Alliance Account for administration.

5 6 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

General Fund appropriation to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund.

5 7 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and

5 8 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.12:  
 5 9 ..... \$ 150,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority (SIDCA) was established in 1999 in response to soil erosion, water resource degradation, and stream channel destabilization linked to disturbance of the fragile glacial till soils of southern Iowa.

5 10 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated  
 5 11 to the fund as provided in this subsection may be used for  
 5 12 administrative costs.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$15,000) of the funds appropriated to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund for administration.

5 13 8. GRAIN REGULATION  
 5 14 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203  
 5 15 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and  
 5 16 miscellaneous purposes:  
 5 17 ..... \$ 350,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the administration and enforcement of grain dealer regulation and agricultural product warehouses.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The program was first funded in FY 2021 with the enactment of [HF 2643](#) (FY 2021 Omnibus Appropriations Act).

5 18 Sec. 5. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PILOT PROJECT FOR  
 5 19 SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR FOOD BANKS AND IOWA EMERGENCY  
 5 20 FEEDING ORGANIZATIONS.

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for a new Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot Project.

5 21 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
 5 22 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
 5 23 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,  
 5 24 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 5 25 used for the purposes designated:  
 5 26 For purposes of supporting a choose Iowa food purchasing  
 5 27 pilot project to assist eligible participants in purchasing  
 5 28 qualified food products:  
 5 29 ..... \$ 250,000

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$250,000. The Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot Project will provide assistance to schools and food banks for the purchase of locally sourced foods.

5 30 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, the department  
 5 31 shall administer the pilot project based on the farm-to-school  
 5 32 program described in chapter 190A, in which the department  
 5 33 reimburses a school or school district for the purchase of a  
 5 34 food product originating from a farm source.

Requires the DALs to administer the Pilot Project based on the Farm-to-School Program described in Iowa Code chapter [190A](#).

5 35 3. The department shall administer the pilot project  
 6 1 according to all of the following:  
 6 2 a. A farm or business that owns or operates the farm source

Requires the DALs to administer the Pilot Program according to all of the following criteria:

6 3 shall be given a preference to participate in the pilot project  
 6 4 if the farm or business is currently participating in the  
 6 5 choose Iowa promotional program as provided in chapter 159,  
 6 6 subchapter II, part 2. Otherwise, a farm or business may  
 6 7 participate in the pilot project if the farm or business has  
 6 8 applied to participate in the choose Iowa promotional program  
 6 9 and the department determines that the application will be  
 6 10 approved.

6 11 b. An eligible participant is limited to any of the  
 6 12 following:

6 13 (1) A public or private school or a school district, if the  
 6 14 public or private school or school district is not currently  
 6 15 participating in the farm-to-school program.

6 16 (2) An Iowa food bank or an Iowa emergency feeding  
 6 17 organization, recognized by the department.

6 18 c. A qualified food product is limited to the following:

6 19 (1) For a school or school district, meat and poultry, dairy  
 6 20 products other than milk, eggs, and produce.

6 21 (2) For an Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding  
 6 22 organization, meat and poultry, dairy products, eggs, and  
 6 23 produce.

6 24 d. The department is not required to follow a requirement in  
 6 25 chapter 190A that the department determines is not practical  
 6 26 for the pilot project.

6 27 4. a. Of the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, not more  
 6 28 than \$100,000 shall be used to reimburse schools or school  
 6 29 districts and not more than \$150,000 shall be used to reimburse  
 6 30 Iowa food banks and Iowa emergency feeding organizations.

6 31 b. An eligible participant shall be reimbursed on a matching  
 6 32 basis with the department contributing \$1 for every \$1 expended  
 6 33 by the eligible participant.

6 34 c. (1) A school or school district shall not receive more  
 6 35 than \$1,000 for participating in the pilot project.

7 1 (2) An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization  
 7 2 shall not receive more than \$25,000 for participating in the  
 7 3 pilot project.

- A farm or business that owns or operates the food source shall be given a preference to participate in the Pilot Project if the farm or business is currently participating in the Choose Iowa Promotional Program or has applied for the Program and the DALS determines the application will be approved.
- Limits eligible participants to a public or private school or school district that is not currently participating in the Farm-to-School Program, and an Iowa food bank or emergency feeding organization that has been recognized by the DALS.
- Limits qualified food products for a school or school district to meat and poultry, dairy products other than milk, eggs, and produce and limits qualified food products for a food bank or emergency feeding organization to meat and poultry, dairy products, eggs, and produce.
- Does not require the DALS to follow a requirement of Iowa Code chapter [190A](#) if it is determined to not be practical for the Pilot Project.

Requires that of the moneys appropriated, no more than \$100,000 may be used to reimburse schools or school districts and not more than \$150,000 may be used to reimburse food banks or emergency feeding organizations.

Requires the DALS to reimburse eligible participants on a dollar-for-dollar match basis.

Limits a school or school district from receiving more than \$1,000 for participating in the Pilot Program.

Limits a food bank or emergency feeding organization from receiving more than \$25,000 for participating in the Pilot Program.

7 4 5. The department shall prepare and submit a report  
 7 5 regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor and  
 7 6 general assembly not later than January 15, 2025.

Requires the DALs to submit a report on its findings and recommendations for the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot Project to the Governor and General Assembly no later than January 15, 2025.

7 7 DIVISION II  
 7 8 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

7 9 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

General Fund appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for operations.

7 10 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
 7 11 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year  
 7 12 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following  
 7 13 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
 7 14 purposes designated:

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$997,402 and 120.25 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2024.

7 15 For purposes of supporting the department, including its  
 7 16 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for  
 7 17 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and  
 7 18 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

7 19	.....	\$	12,919,695
7 20	.....	FTEs	1,145.95

7 21 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions  
 7 22 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00  
 7 23 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the  
 7 24 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing  
 7 25 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.  
 7 26 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park  
 7 27 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

Requires the DNR to allocate 50.00 FTE positions to State Park operations for seasonal maintenance and upkeep. This does not affect the number of Conservation Officer, Park Ranger, or Park Manager FTE positions.

7 28 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of  
 7 29 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department  
 7 30 of management. The report shall describe in detail the  
 7 31 expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to  
 7 32 support the department's administration, regulation, and  
 7 33 programs.

Requires the DNR to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the DOM detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for DNR administration, regulation, and programs.

7 34 Sec. 7. STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS —  
 7 35 ACCESSIBILITY. There is appropriated from the general  
 8 1 fund of the state to the department of natural resources for  
 8 2 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,  
 8 3 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
 8 4 to be used for the purposes designated:

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for State Park accessibility.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$250,000. This appropriation will be used to increase accessibility for persons with disabilities in State Parks and recreation areas.

8 5 For purposes of increasing accessibility for persons with  
 8 6 disabilities when visiting state parks and recreation areas:  
 8 7 ..... \$ 250,000

8 8 Sec. 8. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION  
 8 9 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

8 10 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game  
 8 11 protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the  
 8 12 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning  
 8 13 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,  
 8 14 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 8 15 designated:

8 16 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of  
 8 17 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,  
 8 18 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,  
 8 19 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and  
 8 20 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,  
 8 21 and miscellaneous purposes:  
 8 22 ..... \$ 49,752,093

8 23 2. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use  
 8 24 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game  
 8 25 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life  
 8 26 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of  
 8 27 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation  
 8 28 who retire, pursuant to section 97B.49B.

8 29 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may  
 8 30 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish  
 8 31 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July  
 8 32 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as is necessary to fund  
 8 33 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the  
 8 34 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in  
 8 35 subsection 1.

9 1 Sec. 9. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There  
 9 2 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created  
 9 3 in section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for  
 9 4 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,  
 9 5 2025, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to  
 9 6 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is  
 9 7 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

State Fish and Game Protection Fund appropriation to the law enforcement, fisheries, and wildlife programs of the DNR.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

CODE: Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the Fish and Game Protection Fund to provide funding of insurance premiums from unused sick leave balances of retiring conservation peace officers.

CODE: Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the Fish and Game Protection Fund for salary adjustment costs for FY 2025.

Groundwater Protection Fund appropriation to the DNR for programs specified in Iowa Code section [455E.11](#).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The allocations include:

- \$100,303 for the Storage Tanks Program. The funds are used

9 8 For purposes of supporting the department's protection  
 9 9 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,  
 9 10 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,  
 9 11 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:  
 9 12 ..... \$ 3,455,850

for the administration of the State Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program.

- \$447,324 for the Household Hazardous Waste Program. The funds are allocated to regional collection centers and for administration of the Program.
- \$62,461 for administration of the Private Well Testing Program. The funds are used by the DNR for administering the closure of private wells.
- \$1,686,751 for groundwater monitoring. The funds are used for monitoring groundwater at sanitary disposal projects.
- \$618,993 for the Landfill Alternatives Program. The Program is now called the Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP), and the funds are used to provide financial assistance to local governments; public and private groups, businesses, and individuals for education; market development projects; and utilization of best practices to reduce landfill waste.
- \$192,500 for the Waste Reduction and Assistance Program. The Program is now called the Pollution Prevention Services Program and provides confidential and nonregulatory assistance to facility operators.
- \$50,000 to administer the SWAP.
- \$297,518 for the Geographic Information System (GIS) Program. The funds are used to maintain the GIS Program and a comprehensive water resource data system that can be used by the public.

9 13 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

9 14 Sec. 10. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE  
 9 15 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile  
 9 16 fund created under section 321G.7 to the department of natural  
 9 17 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and  
 9 18 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof  
 9 19 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:  
 9 20 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state  
 9 21 snowmobile programs:  
 9 22 ..... \$ 100,000

Special Snowmobile Fund appropriation to the DNR for snowmobile safety education and trail maintenance and to provide cost-share grants to local snowmobile organizations.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

9 23 Sec. 11. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE  
 9 24 TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the  
 9 25 unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive  
 9 26 petroleum underground storage tank fund board established

Underground Storage Tank Fund appropriation to the DNR.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The funds are used for administration of the UST Program.



9 27 pursuant to section 455G.4 to the department of natural  
 9 28 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and  
 9 29 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof  
 9 30 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:  
 9 31 For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the  
 9 32 department's underground storage tanks section:  
 9 33 ..... \$ 200,000

9 34 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS  
 9 35 Sec. 12. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO  
 10 1 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
 10 2 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal  
 10 3 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the  
 10 4 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 10 5 used for the purposes designated:

10 6 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY  
 10 7 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam  
 10 8 safety:  
 10 9 ..... \$ 1,510,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Section 19 of this Bill appropriates an additional \$375,000 from the Environment First Fund (EFF) for the Program. The goal of the Program is the protection of life and property from damage by flooding. The Program does the following:

- Supports a network of stream gauges.
- Provides funding for the Dam Safety Program, which maintains information on more than 3,800 dams.
- Funds floodplain mapping projects.
- Provides technical assistance for community enrollment for flood insurance.
- Regulates the construction of floodplains and floodways.

10 10 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to  
 10 11 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install  
 10 12 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood  
 10 13 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood  
 10 14 frequency analysis.

Allocates up to \$400,000 for the purchase and installation of stream gauges to assist with predicting flood events.

10 15 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 10 16 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 10 17 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain

CODE: Allows the unexpended funds from the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

10 18 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
10 19 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

10 20 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT  
10 21 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management  
10 22 programs:  
10 23 ..... \$ 500,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for forestry health management programs, which are dedicated to monitoring, managing, and reducing insects and diseases that damage and harm Iowa's forests.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

10 24 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
10 25 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
10 26 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
10 27 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
10 28 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Forestry Health Management appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

10 29 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS  
10 30 For supporting operations at state parks, including  
10 31 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:  
10 32 ..... \$ 1,000,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR to support operations at State parks, including maintenance and repair of facilities.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

10 33 DIVISION III  
10 34 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
10 35 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

11 1 Sec. 13. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.  
11 2 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
11 3 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the  
11 4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,  
11 5 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
11 6 used for the purposes designated:  
11 7 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary  
11 8 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic  
11 9 laboratory and for not more than the following full-time  
11 10 equivalent positions:  
11 11 ..... \$ 4,400,000  
11 12 ..... FTEs 51.00

General Fund appropriation to ISU for operations at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding and is an increase of 1.00 FTE position compared to estimated FY 2024.

11 13 2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology

Prohibits ISU from reducing funding from other sources to the

11 14 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the  
11 15 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the  
11 16 appropriation made in this section.

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory as a result of this appropriation.

11 17 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a reduction made  
11 18 to support the college of veterinary medicine if the same  
11 19 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary  
11 20 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of  
11 21 science and technology's budget units.

Allows ISU to reduce funding to the College of Veterinary Medicine if the same percentage of reduction is applied to other ISU budget units.

11 22 3. If by June 30, 2025, Iowa state university of science and  
11 23 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this  
11 24 section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance  
11 25 with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for  
11 26 that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

Requires the appropriation for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to revert to the State General Fund at the end of FY 2025 if the moneys are not allocated to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

11 27 Sec. 14. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY — MOVE. There  
11 28 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa  
11 29 state university of science and technology for the fiscal year  
11 30 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following  
11 31 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
11 32 purposes designated:

General Fund appropriation to ISU to assist in the move of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

11 33 For purposes of supporting the move of the veterinary  
11 34 diagnostic laboratory to a new building, including the  
11 35 acquisition of new equipment:  
12 1 ..... \$ 150,000

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation for \$150,000. The moneys appropriated are to be used to assist with moving expenses the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory will incur when moving to its new building. The moneys may also be used to purchase necessary new equipment at the new building.

12 2 Sec. 15. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS.  
12 3 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
12 4 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the  
12 5 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,  
12 6 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
12 7 used for the purposes designated:

General Fund appropriation to ISU for forestry management.

12 8 For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension  
12 9 service in agriculture and home economics in providing  
12 10 technical support to landowners and loggers regarding the  
12 11 management of private forests in southeast Iowa, and for not  
12 12 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
12 13 ..... \$ 150,000  
12 14 ..... FTEs 1.00

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$150,000 and 1.00 FTE position. The appropriation is to support the Iowa Cooperative Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics in providing technical support to landowners and loggers in the management of private forests in southeast Iowa.

12 15 2. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with

Requires the DNR to cooperate with the Iowa Cooperative Extension

12 16 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home  
12 17 economics in administering this section.

Service in Agriculture and Home Economics.

12 18 Sec. 16. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.  
12 19 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
12 20 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the  
12 21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,  
12 22 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
12 23 used for the purposes designated:  
12 24 For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created  
12 25 in section 267.8:  
12 26 ..... \$ 291,390

General Fund appropriation to the Livestock Disease Research Fund.  
DETAIL: This is an increase of \$100,000 compared to estimated FY 2024.

12 27 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used  
12 28 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support  
12 29 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock  
12 30 producers.

Requires the funds to be used by ISU to support animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock producers.

12 31 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

12 32 Sec. 17. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND — VETERINARY  
12 33 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there  
12 34 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created  
12 35 in section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and  
13 1 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and  
13 2 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof  
13 3 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:  
13 4 For the purpose of supporting the college of veterinary  
13 5 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic  
13 6 laboratory:

Appropriates \$120,000 from the Iowa Nutrient Research Fund to the College of Veterinary Medicine at ISU.  
DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation is used to provide additional support to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

13 7 ..... \$ 120,000

13 8 DIVISION IV  
13 9 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
13 10 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

13 11 Sec. 18. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH  
13 12 (I-CASH).  
13 13 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
13 14 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning  
13 15 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,

General Fund appropriation to Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) at the UI, as part of the College of Public Health.  
DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

13 16 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 13 17 designated:  
 13 18 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for  
 13 19 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's  
 13 20 college of public health, and in cooperation with the  
 13 21 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,  
 13 22 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among  
 13 23 members of the agricultural community:  
 13 24 ..... \$ 128,154

13 25 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in  
 13 26 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the  
 13 27 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health  
 13 28 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for  
 13 29 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning  
 13 30 July 1, 2024, as worked by the director during the fiscal year  
 13 31 beginning July 1, 2023.

Requires the UI to retain the I-CASH Director and to pay for the same number of hours during FY 2025 as in FY 2024.

13 32 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection  
 13 33 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount  
 13 34 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and  
 13 35 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in  
 14 1 subsection 1.

Specifies that the UI cannot reduce other funding that supports the I-CASH due to this appropriation.

14 2 3. If by June 30, 2025, the state university of Iowa fails  
 14 3 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance  
 14 4 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any  
 14 5 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection  
 14 6 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June  
 14 7 30, 2025, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In  
 14 8 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section  
 14 9 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the  
 14 10 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or  
 14 11 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or  
 14 12 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount  
 14 13 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any  
 14 14 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant  
 14 15 to section 8.33.

Specifies that any unencumbered or unobligated funds appropriated in FY 2025 to the I-CASH will revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 2025. If moneys are reverted, the UI is required to transfer to the General Fund from other unencumbered General Fund appropriations or other funds the difference between the amount reverted and the amount appropriated.

14 16  
 14 17 DIVISION V  
 14 18 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

14 19 Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND  
 14 20 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first  
 14 21 fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture  
 14 22 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 14 23 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so  
 14 24 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 14 25 designated:

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill appropriates a total of \$17,300,000 to the DALs from the EFF for FY 2025.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

14 26 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)  
 14 27 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to  
 14 28 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting  
 14 29 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water  
 14 30 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:  
 14 31 ..... \$ 1,000,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The CREP is a federally administered voluntary program for agricultural landowners that provides financial incentives to establish wetlands for water quality improvement in tile-drained regions of Iowa. The Program includes 37 counties in north central Iowa in an area that has been identified as a contributor to high nitrate loads in the Mississippi River Basin. The Program is administered by the federal Farm Services Agency (FSA) in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

14 32 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated  
 14 33 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and  
 14 34 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$100,000) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

14 35 c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
 15 1 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection,  
 15 2 in combination with other appropriate environment first  
 15 3 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States  
 15 4 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation  
 15 5 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding  
 15 6 available to Iowa.

Permits funds to be used in combination with other EFF appropriations or as cost-share funds for federal projects.

15 7 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION  
 15 8 a. For continuation of a program that provides  
 15 9 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water  
 15 10 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:  
 15 11 ..... \$ 900,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Watershed Protection Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The purpose of the Program is to provide financial assistance for projects that establish permanent soil and water

<p>15 12 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated          15 13 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and          15 14 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>	<p>conservation practices. Project practices are integrated into a larger watershed plan and meet multiple objectives. This appropriation offers watershed grants to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for locally led watershed projects.</p>
<p>15 15 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)          15 16 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the          15 17 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and          15 18 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to          15 19 improve water quality and habitat:          15 20 ..... \$ 900,000</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$90,000) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p> <p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The CRP is a voluntary program administered by the federal government for agricultural landowners. The CRP provides landowners with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for removing agricultural land from production and establishing conservation practices. The CRP is administered by the federal FSA in the USDA and is a major federal conservation program. Land enrolled in the CRP increases wildlife habitat, reduces soil erosion, and improves water quality.</p>
<p>15 21 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated          15 22 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and          15 23 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$90,000) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>
<p>15 24 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION          15 25 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water          15 26 conservation:          15 27 ..... \$ 8,325,000</p>	<p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Soil and Water Conservation Program.</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.</p>
<p>15 28 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for          15 29 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills          15 30 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2:          15 31 ..... \$ 140,000</p>	<p>Transfers \$140,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation appropriation to the Hungry Canyons Account of the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund.</p>
<p>15 32 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred to          15 33 the fund's hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph          15 34 (1) may be used for administrative costs.</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$14,000) of the funds for administration costs.</p>

15 35 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph “a”,  
 16 1 for use by the department in providing for soil and water  
 16 2 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and  
 16 3 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation  
 16 4 districts:  
 16 5 ..... \$ 8,185,000

Allocates \$8,185,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation appropriation to the Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program funding provides financial incentives to landowners who implement approved soil and water conservation practices. State funds are divided among the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The landowner pays for at least 50.00% of the cost of the conservation practice.

16 6 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “c” that the  
 16 7 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,  
 16 8 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the  
 16 9 purpose of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73  
 16 10 to establish management practices for the control of soil  
 16 11 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited  
 16 12 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring  
 16 13 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation  
 16 14 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be  
 16 15 expended by the district for that same purpose.

Permits each Soil and Water Conservation District to use up to \$15,000 of the allocation to establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on row-cropped land. Also permits up to 30.00% of remaining funds to be expended for the same purpose.

16 16 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in  
 16 17 paragraph “c” may be allocated for cost sharing to address  
 16 18 complaints filed under section 161A.47.

Permits the DALs to use up to 5.00% of the cost-share funds to address complaints filed for land erosion caused by sediment.

16 19 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “c”, 5 percent  
 16 20 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish  
 16 21 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of  
 16 22 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section  
 16 23 161A.73.

Requires 5.00% of cost-share funds to be used for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes from soil erosion and sediment.

16 24 g. The state soil conservation and water quality committee  
 16 25 established by section 161A.4 may allocate moneys appropriated  
 16 26 in paragraph “c” to conduct research and demonstration projects  
 16 27 to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution  
 16 28 control practices.

Permits the State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee to allocate funds for research and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

16 29 h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as  
 16 30 provided in section 161A.73 may be used in combination with  
 16 31 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

Permits financial incentive payments to be used in combination with funds from the DNR.



<p>16 32 i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated          16 33 in paragraph “c” may be used for costs of administration and          16 34 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 15.00% of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>
<p>16 35 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION          17 1 a. For use by the department for costs of administration and          17 2 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:          17 3 .....</p>	<p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for soil and water conservation administration.           DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.</p>
<p>17 4 ..... \$ 3,800,000</p> <p>17 4 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$150,000          17 5 is allocated to support field staff providing technical          17 6 assistance.</p>	<p>Allocates \$150,000 of the above appropriation to support field staff providing technical assistance.</p>
<p>17 7 Sec. 20. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is          17 8 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section          17 9 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal          17 10 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the          17 11 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be          17 12 used for the purposes designated:</p>	<p>Iowa Code section <a href="#">8.57A</a> contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the RIF to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill appropriates a total of \$24,005,000 to the DNR from the EFF for FY 2025.           DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.</p>
<p>17 13 1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS          17 14 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and          17 15 staff time associated with these activities:          17 16 .....</p>	<p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for State park maintenance and operations.           DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. State parks are under the administration of the Parks Bureau in the DNR. Funding pays for seasonal staff, facilities maintenance, equipment replacement, and other related expenditures.</p>
<p>17 16 ..... \$ 6,235,000</p> <p>17 17 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)          17 18 To provide local watershed managers with geographic          17 19 information system data for their use in developing,          17 20 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:          17 21 .....</p>	<p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the GIS Program.           DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The GIS Program is responsible for the development, management, and coordination of the Natural Resources Geographic Information System (NRGIS) for the DNR. The NRGIS is used to provide local watershed managers with data to develop, monitor, and display watershed improvements.</p>
<p>17 21 ..... \$ 195,000</p>	

17 22 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING  
 17 23 For continuing the establishment and operation of water  
 17 24 quality monitoring stations:  
 17 25 ..... \$ 2,955,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Water Quality Monitoring Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Appropriated dollars are allocated for the administration, research, and operation of water quality monitoring stations. The DNR contracts with experts from the U.S. Geological Survey and State universities for water quality research, analysis, and modeling. The appropriation supports six water quality monitoring programs. Water samples are collected to develop a baseline of information on Iowa streams, lakes, and wetlands. The DNR tracks water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and many other physical conditions and chemicals. The Water Quality Monitoring Program records fish kills and statewide water data and assesses the ability of water bodies to meet their intended uses (impaired waters) as defined by the federal Clean Water Act.

17 26 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT  
 17 27 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the  
 17 28 water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:  
 17 29 ..... \$ 500,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Public Water Supply System Account of the Water Quality Protection Fund.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. A public water supply is defined as a system that has at least 15 service connections or serves at least 25 persons for at least 60 days throughout the year. These systems are regulated by the Water Supply Engineering Section of the DNR.

17 30 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS  
 17 31 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including  
 17 32 as provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:  
 17 33 ..... \$ 1,320,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Animal Feeding Operations Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation is used to regulate animal feeding operations. This includes processing permits for the construction of new sites and reviewing nutrient management plans. Other activities include inspection of earthen basins, construction sites, and operations as well as inspecting and investigating manure, fertilizer, and chemical spills.

17 34 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY  
 17 35 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:  
 18 1 ..... \$ 375,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Section 12 of this Bill appropriates an additional \$1,510,000

from the General Fund for the Program. The goal of the Program is the protection of life and property from damage by flooding. The Program does the following:

- Supports a network of stream gauges.
- Provides funding for the Dam Safety Program, which maintains information on 3,800 dams.
- Funds floodplain mapping projects.
- Provides technical assistance for community enrollment for flood insurance.
- Regulates the construction of floodplains and floodways.

18 2 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY  
 18 3 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient  
 18 4 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary  
 18 5 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality  
 18 6 standards from particulate matter:  
 18 7 ..... \$ 425,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Ambient Air Quality Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Appropriated funds finance the administration of ambient air monitoring activities and an annual contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) at the UI to conduct air monitoring. The SHL collects air monitoring data, provides quality assurance results, and reports data to the public.

18 8 Sec. 21. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL  
 18 9 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first  
 18 10 fund created in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa  
 18 11 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June  
 18 12 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is  
 18 13 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the RIIF to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill appropriates a total of \$695,000 to the UI from the EFF for FY 2025.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

18 14 1. OPERATIONS  
 18 15 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa  
 18 16 geological survey of the state as created within the state  
 18 17 university of Iowa pursuant to section 456.1, including but not  
 18 18 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,  
 18 19 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for  
 18 20 water supply development and protection:  
 18 21 ..... \$ 200,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the UI for the Geological and Water Survey Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation funds the development of programs that provide comprehensive information regarding mineral and water resources in Iowa. This includes educational programs as well as technology transfer programs and an emphasis on new water supply

developments and monitoring water quality. The Geological and Water Survey Program provides information to the federal government and State agencies.

18 22 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
 18 23 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in  
 18 24 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water  
 18 25 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural  
 18 26 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter  
 18 27 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B  
 18 28 and 456.14:  
 18 29 ..... \$ 495,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the UI for the Water Quantity Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Water Quantity Program was established due to an increase in the number of industries that are dependent on large quantities of water for their operations (ethanol plants). The goal of the Program is to provide long-term planning for water use for industrial operations, drinking water, and other water uses.

18 30 Sec. 22. REVERSION.  
 18 31 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and  
 18 32 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the  
 18 33 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of this  
 18 34 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of  
 18 35 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available  
 19 1 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of  
 19 2 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the  
 19 3 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

CODE: Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2026 or until a specific project is completed, whichever is earlier.

19 4 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for  
 19 5 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of  
 19 6 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship  
 19 7 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of  
 19 8 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain  
 19 9 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year  
 19 10 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure  
 19 11 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year  
 19 12 beginning July 1, 2027.

CODE: Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations for soil and water conservation practices to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2028.

19 13 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred  
 19 14 pursuant to this division of this Act to the loess hills  
 19 15 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2,  
 19 16 which shall not revert as provided in that section.

Specifies that the Hungry Canyons allocation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund in this Bill is exempt from the reversion date of FY 2026.

19 18 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
 19 19 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

19 20 Sec. 23. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF  
 19 21 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

19 22 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund  
 19 23 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture  
 19 24 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 19 25 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so  
 19 26 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 19 27 designated:

19 28 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in  
 19 29 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality  
 19 30 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation  
 19 31 and water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including  
 19 32 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:  
 19 33 ..... \$ 2,375,000

19 34 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be  
 19 35 used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the  
 20 1 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified  
 20 2 by the water resources coordinating council established  
 20 3 pursuant to section 466B.3.

20 4 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to  
 20 5 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional  
 20 6 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority  
 20 7 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating  
 20 8 council established pursuant to section 466B.3.

20 9 3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds  
 20 10 as provided in subsection 2, all of the following apply:

20 11 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality  
 20 12 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy  
 20 13 as defined in section 455B.171.

20 14 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as  
 20 15 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by  
 20 16 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in  
 20 17 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide  
 20 18 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a  
 20 19 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same  
 20 20 subwatershed.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Water Quality Initiative (WQI).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding from the EFF compared to estimated FY 2024.

The [Nutrient Reduction Strategy Report](#) was introduced in November 2012 as a collaborative effort by the DALs, the DNR, and ISU to assess and reduce nutrient flow into Iowa waters. The WQI was created in [SF 435](#) (FY 2014 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) to provide funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC).

Requires the funds appropriated above to be used to support projects in high-priority watersheds as identified by the WRCC.

Requires the funds appropriated above to be used to support projects in watersheds.

Specifies criteria for projects in high-priority watersheds as follows:

- Requires demonstration projects to utilize water quality practices described in the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy as defined in Iowa Code section [455B.171](#).
- Requires the DALs to collaborate with agricultural landowners in targeted watersheds.
- Prohibits the State's cost-share amount of water quality protection practices from exceeding 50.00% of the value of the practices, except for edge-of-field practices.
- Requires demonstration projects to educate the public about water quality practices.
- Requires the DALs to conduct water quality evaluations within

20 21 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on  
 20 22 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,  
 20 23 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the  
 20 24 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of  
 20 25 establishing the practice as determined by the division or  
 20 26 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,  
 20 27 whichever is less.

20 28 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other  
 20 29 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar  
 20 30 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day  
 20 31 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish  
 20 32 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

20 33 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations  
 20 34 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period  
 20 35 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the  
 21 1 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality  
 21 2 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a  
 21 3 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural  
 21 4 land shall be a confidential record under section 22.7.

21 5 4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used  
 21 6 to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages  
 21 7 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for  
 21 8 farming to implement water quality practices, including the  
 21 9 establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and  
 21 10 not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

21 11 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used  
 21 12 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of  
 21 13 efforts provided in this section.

21 14 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by  
 21 15 the department to support urban soil and water conservation  
 21 16 efforts, which may include but are not limited to management  
 21 17 practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of  
 21 18 permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration.  
 21 19 The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided  
 21 20 in chapter 161A.

21 21 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 21 22 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in  
 21 23 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a

targeted watersheds and to create a database of water quality  
 practices. Specifies that all information received is to be a  
 confidential record and exempt from public access.

Requires the DALs to use funds to support education and outreach to  
 encourage agricultural producers to establish water quality practices.

Permits the DALs to use funds for contracts that will assist with the  
 implementation of the WQI.

Permits the DALs to use funds to support urban soil and water  
 conservation practices and to allocate funds on a cost-share basis.

Permits the DALs to use funds as cost-share moneys for projects.

21 24 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to  
21 25 the department from a state or federal source.

21 26 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in  
21 27 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering  
21 28 and implementing the water quality initiative by the  
21 29 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as  
21 30 provided in section 466B.42 and this section.

Prohibits the DALs from using more than 10.00% (\$237,500) of the funds appropriated for administration and implementation of WQI practices.

21 31 DIVISION VII  
21 32 IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

21 33 Sec. 24. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In  
21 34 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is  
21 35 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section  
22 1 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund  
22 2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June  
22 3 30, 2025, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in  
22 4 section 455A.19:

Appropriates \$12,000,000 from the EFF to the Resources Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund in lieu of the \$20,000,000 General Fund standing appropriation.

22 5 ..... \$ 12,000,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

22 6 Sec. 25. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK  
22 7 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.  
22 8 Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph "a",  
22 9 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces  
22 10 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,  
22 11 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural  
22 12 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,  
22 13 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July  
22 14 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.

CODE: Allows the DNR to use up to \$1,000,000 from the Open Spaces Account for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment for FY 2025.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

22 15 DIVISION VIII  
22 16 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS — MARKETING AGRICULTURAL  
22 17 PRODUCTS — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

22 18 PART A  
22 19 PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS

22 20 Sec. 26. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM, DAIRY  
22 21 INNOVATION FUND, AND CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM. There  
22 22 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
22 23 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the administration of a Value Added Agricultural Grant Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The purpose of the Program is to identify, evaluate, and

22 24 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the  
 22 25 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 22 26 used for the purposes designated:  
 22 27 1. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM  
 22 28 a. For the administration and execution of a value-added  
 22 29 agriculture grant program to identify, evaluate, and support  
 22 30 programs and services that add value to agriculture products,  
 22 31 enable new technology, and support marketing strategies:  
 22 32 ..... \$ 463,000

support programs that add value to agriculture products, enable new technologies, and support marketing strategies.

22 33 b. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
 22 34 necessary to implement and administer this subsection.

Requires the DALs to adopt administrative rules to administer the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program.

22 35 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 23 1 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 23 2 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 23 3 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
 23 4 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Allows unexpended funds from the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

23 5 2. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM  
 23 6 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund established pursuant to  
 23 7 section 159.31:  
 23 8 ..... \$ 600,000

General Fund appropriation to the Choose Iowa Fund.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$100,000 compared to estimated FY 2024. The funds are for the State branding program to advertise food items that contain agricultural commodities grown in Iowa.

23 9 3. DAIRY INNOVATION FUND  
 23 10 For deposit in the dairy innovation fund created in section  
 23 11 159.31A:  
 23 12 ..... \$ 750,000

General Fund appropriation for the Dairy Innovation Program.

DETAIL: Maintains current funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Dairy Innovation Program provides financial assistance to businesses related to the dairy industry to help expand or refurbish or establish new milk plants and mobile dairy processing units, rent buildings or equipment, or incorporate methods or technologies that reduce farm labor.

23 13 PART B  
 23 14 BUTCHERY INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION FUND AND PROGRAM

23 15 Sec. 27. BUTCHERY INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION FUND AND  
 23 16 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
 23 17 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for  
 23 18 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Fund and Program.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$500,000. This appropriation is



23 19 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
 23 20 to be used for the purposes designated:  
 23 21 For deposit in the butchery innovation and revitalization  
 23 22 fund as created in section 15E.370:  
 23 23 ..... \$ 500,000

contingent upon the transfer of the the Butchery Innovation Program and Fund from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to the DALs. The Butchery Innovation Program awards financial assistance to eligible meat processing businesses, licensed custom lockers, and mobile slaughter units.

23 24 Sec. 28. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of  
 23 25 this division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, if  
 23 26 the administration of the butchery innovation program is  
 23 27 transferred from the economic development authority to the  
 23 28 department of agriculture and land stewardship by July 1, 2024.

Part B of Division VIII of the Bill takes effect July 1, 2024, if the transfer of the Butchery Innovation Program from the IEDA to the DALs occurs by July 1, 2024.

23 29 DIVISION IX  
 23 30 STATUTORY CHANGES

23 31 Sec. 29. Section 159.31, Code 2024, is amended by adding the  
 23 32 following new subsection:  
 23 33 NEW SUBSECTION 2A. The department may use not more than  
 23 34 five percent of the balance of unencumbered and unobligated  
 23 35 moneys in the fund at the beginning of a fiscal year to pay for  
 24 1 costs of administration.

CODE: Prohibits the DALs from using more than 5.00% of the unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the Choose Iowa Fund for administration.

24 2 Sec. 30. Section 159.31A, Code 2024, is amended by adding  
 24 3 the following new subsection:  
 24 4 NEW SUBSECTION 2A. The department may use not more than  
 24 5 five percent of the balance of unencumbered and unobligated  
 24 6 moneys in the fund at the beginning of a fiscal year to pay for  
 24 7 costs of administration.

CODE: Prohibits the DALs from using more than 5.00% of the unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the Dairy Innovation Fund for administration.

24 8 Sec. 31. Section 159.31C, if enacted by 2024 Iowa Acts,  
 24 9 House File 2641, or successor legislation, is amended by adding  
 24 10 the following new subsection:  
 24 11 NEW SUBSECTION 2A. The department may use not more than  
 24 12 five percent of the balance of unencumbered and unobligated  
 24 13 moneys in the fund at the beginning of a fiscal year to pay for  
 24 14 costs of administration.

CODE: Prohibits the DALs from using more than 5.00% of the unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program Fund for administration if 2024 Iowa Acts, [HF 2641](#) (Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities Bill), or successor legislation is enacted.

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## General Fund

	Actual FY 2023 (1)	Estimated FY 2024 (2)	House Approp FY 2025 (3)	House Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u></b>					
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>					
Administrative Division	\$ 18,960,194	\$ 19,210,194	\$ 20,192,310	\$ 982,116	PG 1 LN 4
Milk Inspections	189,196	189,196	189,196	0	PG 2 LN 25
Local Food and Farm	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	PG 2 LN 35
Agricultural Education	25,000	75,000	75,000	0	PG 3 LN 14
Foreign Animal Disease	750,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	PG 3 LN 24
Foreign Animal Disease Capitals	0	250,000	250,000	0	PG 3 LN 28
Foreign Animal Disease Vaccine Development	0	250,000	250,000	0	PG 3 LN 33
Farmers with Disabilities	180,000	230,000	230,000	0	PG 4 LN 2
Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund	400,000	400,000	400,000	0	PG 4 LN 25
Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund	250,000	150,000	150,000	0	PG 5 LN 6
Grain Regulation	350,000	350,000	350,000	0	PG 5 LN 13
Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot	0	0	250,000	250,000	PG 5 LN 18
Value Added Agriculture Grant Program	463,000	463,000	463,000	0	PG 22 LN 20
Choose Iowa Promotion Program	500,000	500,000	600,000	100,000	PG 23 LN 5
Dairy Innovation Program	0	750,000	750,000	0	PG 23 LN 9
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</b>	<b>\$ 22,142,390</b>	<b>\$ 23,892,390</b>	<b>\$ 25,224,506</b>	<b>\$ 1,332,116</b>	
<b><u>Natural Resources, Department of</u></b>					
<b>Natural Resources</b>					
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 12,093,061	\$ 11,922,293	\$ 12,919,695	\$ 997,402	PG 7 LN 9
State Park Accessibility	0	0	250,000	250,000	PG 7 LN 34
Floodplain Management Program	1,510,000	1,510,000	1,510,000	0	PG 10 LN 6
Forestry Health Management	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	PG 10 LN 20
State Park Operations	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	PG 10 LN 29
<b>Total Natural Resources, Department of</b>	<b>\$ 15,103,061</b>	<b>\$ 14,932,293</b>	<b>\$ 16,179,695</b>	<b>\$ 1,247,402</b>	
<b><u>Regents, Board of</u></b>					
<b>Regents, Board of</b>					
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 0	PG 11 LN 1
ISU - Vet Lab Moving Expenses	0	0	150,000	150,000	PG 11 LN 27
ISU - Private Forest Management	0	0	150,000	150,000	PG 12 LN 2
ISU - Livestock Disease Research	170,390	191,390	291,390	100,000	PG 12 LN 18
UI - Iowa Center for Ag Safety & Health (I-CASH)	128,154	128,154	128,154	0	PG 13 LN 11
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<b>\$ 4,698,544</b>	<b>\$ 4,719,544</b>	<b>\$ 5,119,544</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$ 41,943,995</b>	<b>\$ 43,544,227</b>	<b>\$ 46,523,745</b>	<b>\$ 2,979,518</b>	

\*The Butchery Innovation and Revitalization appropriation is contingent upon the transfer of the administration of the Butchery Innovation Program from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship by July 1, 2024.

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## Contingent General Fund

	Actual FY 2023 (1)	Estimated FY 2024 (2)	House Approp FY 2025 (3)	House Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u></b>					
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>					
Butchery Innovation and Revitalization	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	PG 23 LN 15
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	

\*The Butchery Innovation and Revitalization appropriation is contingent upon the transfer of the administration of the Butchery Innovation Program from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship by July 1, 2024.

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## Other Funds

	Actual FY 2023 (1)	Estimated FY 2024 (2)	House Approp FY 2025 (3)	House Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u></b>					
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>					
Native Horse & Dog Prog - Unclaimed Winnings	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 0	PG 1 LN 31
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	PG 2 LN 8
Conservation Reserve Enhancement - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	PG 14 LN 26
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	0	PG 15 LN 7
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	0	PG 15 LN 15
Cost Share - EFF	8,325,000	8,325,000	8,325,000	0	PG 15 LN 24
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF	3,800,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	0	PG 16 LN 35
Water Quality Initiative - EFF	2,375,000	2,375,000	2,375,000	0	PG 19 LN 20
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</b>	<b>\$ 18,105,516</b>	<b>\$ 18,105,516</b>	<b>\$ 18,105,516</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	
<b><u>Natural Resources, Department of</u></b>					
<b>Natural Resources</b>					
Fish & Game - DNR Admin Expenses	\$ 48,397,337	\$ 49,752,093	\$ 49,752,093	\$ 0	PG 8 LN 8
GWF - Storage Tanks Study	100,303	100,303	100,303	0	
GWF - Household Hazardous Waste	447,324	447,324	447,324	0	
GWF - Well Testing Admin 2%	62,461	62,461	62,461	0	
GWF - Groundwater Monitoring	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	0	
GWF - Landfill Alternatives	618,993	618,993	618,993	0	
GWF - Waste Reduction and Assistance	192,500	192,500	192,500	0	
GWF - Solid Waste Alternatives	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	
GWF - Geographic Information System	297,518	297,518	297,518	0	
Snowmobile Registration Fees	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	PG 9 LN 14
Administration Match - UST	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	PG 9 LN 23
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	6,235,000	6,235,000	6,235,000	0	PG 17 LN 13
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF	195,000	195,000	195,000	0	PG 17 LN 17
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	0	PG 17 LN 22
Water Quality Protection - EFF	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	PG 17 LN 26
Animal Feeding Operations - EFF	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	0	PG 17 LN 30
Floodplain Mgmt and Dam Safety - EFF	375,000	375,000	375,000	0	PG 17 LN 34
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring - EFF	425,000	425,000	425,000	0	PG 18 LN 2
REAP - EFF	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	0	PG 21 LN 33
<b>Total Natural Resources, Department of</b>	<b>\$ 76,158,187</b>	<b>\$ 77,512,943</b>	<b>\$ 77,512,943</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	

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## Other Funds

	Actual FY 2023 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated FY 2024 <u>(2)</u>	House Approp FY 2025 <u>(3)</u>	House Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 <u>(4)</u>	Page and Line # <u>(5)</u>
<b><u>Regents, Board of</u></b>					
<b>Regents, Board of</b>					
ISU - Vet Diagnostic Lab - Iowa Nutrient Research Fund	\$ 0	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 0	PG 12 LN 32
UI - Geological and Water Survey Oper. - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	PG 18 LN 14
UI - Water Resource Management - EFF	495,000	495,000	495,000	0	PG 18 LN 22
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<u>\$ 695,000</u>	<u>\$ 815,000</u>	<u>\$ 815,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<u>\$ 94,958,703</u>	<u>\$ 96,433,459</u>	<u>\$ 96,433,459</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	

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## FTE Positions

	Actual FY 2023 (1)	Estimated FY 2024 (2)	House Approp FY 2025 (3)	House Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u></b>					
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>					
Administrative Division	307.49	338.25	420.00	81.75	PG 1 LN 4
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</b>	<b>307.49</b>	<b>338.25</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>81.75</b>	
<b><u>Natural Resources, Department of</u></b>					
<b>Natural Resources</b>					
Natural Resources Operations	939.40	1,025.70	1,145.95	120.25	PG 7 LN 9
<b>Total Natural Resources, Department of</b>	<b>939.40</b>	<b>1,025.70</b>	<b>1,145.95</b>	<b>120.25</b>	
<b><u>Regents, Board of</u></b>					
<b>Regents, Board of</b>					
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	51.00	50.00	51.00	1.00	PG 11 LN 1
ISU - Private Forest Management	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	PG 12 LN 2
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<b>51.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>52.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>1,297.89</b>	<b>1,413.95</b>	<b>1,617.95</b>	<b>204.00</b>	