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**A BILL FOR**

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18 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 272.3 GENERAL POWERS.

19 The council established pursuant to section 272.2 shall  
20 have all the general powers needed to carry out its mission  
21 and duties, including but not limited to the following powers:

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- 23 2. To make and execute agreements, contracts, and other  
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25 not limited to any agency of the state or the federal  
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28 otherwise cooperate with the council.
- 29 3. To procure insurance against any loss in connection  
30 with its operations and property interests.
- 31 4. To fix and collect fees and charges for its services.
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3 6. To employ an executive director and other necessary  
4 staff.

5 7. To adopt rules consistent with the provisions of this  
6 chapter, and subject to chapter 17A.

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21 manner consistent with rules and procedures of the treasurer  
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24 council, including programs, projects, and finances, at least  
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9 areas of priority.

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11 order to reduce inefficiency and duplication, identify  
12 conflicts of interests, and identify the needs of research  
13 institutions.

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18 awards, preference shall be given to programs which coordinate  
19 research with other research institutions, which promise  
20 benefit for Iowa agricultural producers, and which may not  
21 obtain financing through traditional sources.

22 5. To cooperate with research institutions, governmental  
23 agencies and businesses where collaboration would add value to  
24 agricultural research.

25 6. In order to leverage state funds appropriated to the  
26 council, to actively seek financial support from nonstate  
27 sources, including from the federal government, and from  
28 businesses. The council may require a match from nonstate  
29 sources for programs, seek generic business support for the  
30 council, seek support from business in one or more industries  
31 for programs which may benefit those businesses, or charge  
32 fees for services provided under the authority of the council.  
33 The council shall use foundation resources to the maximum  
34 extent possible in order to seek matching funds, gifts, grants  
35 or additional assets, including funding sources.

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2 information and issues relating to agricultural trade,  
3 including data and findings from laboratory and field research  
4 and market studies.

5 8. To report annually about the council to the governor  
6 and the general assembly as provided in section 272.6.

7 9. To oversee the progress of programs and projects  
8 administered by the council and monitor the status of council  
9 assets, including finances.

10 10. To approve any contract or agreement committing the  
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15 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 272.6 ANNUAL REPORT.

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28 e. An inventory of state funded agricultural research  
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30 research institutions.

31 f. Recommendations to the general assembly and governor,  
32 including recommendations related to an agricultural research  
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34 research in the state. The report shall identify inefficiency  
35 and duplication of research and identify needs of research

1 institutions.

2 2. The annual report shall identify performance goals of  
3 the council, and indicate the extent of progress during the  
4 reporting period, in attaining the goals.

5 3. State agencies shall cooperate with the council to  
6 facilitate preparation of the annual report.

7 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 272.7 IOWA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
8 FUND.

9 There is created within the state treasury, an Iowa  
10 agricultural research fund. The fund is composed of moneys  
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13 chapter 99E and moneys available to and obtained or accepted  
14 by the council under this chapter, including moneys from the  
15 United States, state agencies, political subdivisions, and  
16 private sources, and moneys from fees charged under this  
17 chapter.

18 The fund shall be a revolving fund from which moneys may be  
19 used for purposes described in this chapter, including loans,  
20 grants, matching financing, and administrative costs. All  
21 interest earned on proceeds in the fund shall remain in the  
22 fund.

23 The state auditor shall conduct regular audits of the fund  
24 and shall make a certified report relating to the condition of  
25 the fund to the treasurer of state and to the executive  
26 director.

27 The council and executive director shall administer the  
28 fund as in accordance with procedures of the treasurer of  
29 state. In administering the fund, the council may do all of  
30 the following:

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32 carry out the provisions of this section, but the council  
33 shall not in any manner, directly or indirectly pledge the  
34 credit of the state.

35 2. Authorize payment from the fund, from fees and from any

1 income received by investment of money in the fund, for cost,  
2 commissions, attorney fees, and other reasonable expenses  
3 related to and necessary for making and protecting direct  
4 loans under this section, and for the recovery of moneys  
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8 Sec. 8. ORGANIZING BOARD. The secretary of agriculture  
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10 meeting, not later than six months following appointment of  
11 all the members.

12 Sec. 9. The state board of regents shall furnish the  
13 council with a meeting place and all articles and supplies,  
14 and services necessary to enable the council to perform its  
15 duties.

16 Sec. 10. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,  
17 takes effect upon enactment.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill establishes an agricultural research coordinating  
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## SENATE FILE 484

S-3500

- 1 Amend Senate File 484 as follows:  
 2 1. Page 1, line 18, by striking the word  
 3 "coordinate" and inserting the following: "encourage  
 4 the coordination of".  
 5 2. Page 1, line 21, by inserting after the word  
 6 "state." the following: "The council shall not  
 7 control research prerogatives of colleges or  
 8 universities or their faculty, of private individuals,  
 9 or of businesses. The council, upon request, may  
 10 provide assistance to colleges and universities for  
 11 acquisition of financial support for research  
 12 activities from any source, including the federal  
 13 government."  
 14 3. Page 2, by striking line 22.  
 15 4. Page 2, by striking line 31.  
 16 5. Page 4, by striking lines 10 through 13.  
 17 6. Page 4, by inserting after line 14, the  
 18 following:  
 19 " . Establish subcommittees of business and  
 20 academic specialists as needed."  
 21 7. Page 5, by inserting after line 11 the  
 22 following:  
 23 " . To provide a peer review process for  
 24 projects and research funded by the council."  
 25 8. Page 5, line 33, by striking the word  
 26 "administration" and inserting the following:  
 27 "efficiency and productivity".  
 28 9. Page 6, line 31, by striking the words "sue  
 29 and be sued,".  
 30 10. Page 7, line 12, by striking the words "state  
 31 board of regents" and inserting the following:  
 32 "department of agriculture and land stewardship".  
 33 11. By renumbering as necessary.

By LINN FUHRMAN

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## SENATE FILE 484

S-3517

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 2 1. Page 4, lines 7 and 8 by striking the words  
 3 "of a coordinated" and inserting the following:  
 4 "concerning".  
 5 2. Page 4, line 9, by inserting before the word "areas"  
 6 the following: "general".

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8 who has a conflict of interest and a statement by a member  
9 that the member has a conflict of interest is conclusive for  
10 this purpose. A vacancy in the membership of the council does  
11 not impair the rights of a quorum to exercise all rights and  
12 perform all duties of the council. The council shall meet at  
13 least twice a year. The council shall elect a chairperson and  
14 vice chairperson from its members. The council shall meet  
15 upon call of the chairperson, or upon written request of four  
16 members of the council. Written notice of the time and place  
17 of the meeting shall be given to each member.

18 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 272.3 GENERAL POWERS.

19 The council established pursuant to section 272.2 shall  
20 have all the general powers needed to carry out its mission  
21 and duties, including but not limited to the following powers:

22 1. To sue and be sued in its own name.

23 2. To make and execute agreements, contracts, and other  
24 instruments, with any public or private entity, including but  
25 not limited to any agency of the state or the federal  
26 government. All political subdivisions, other public  
27 agencies, and state agencies may enter into contracts and  
28 otherwise cooperate with the council.

29 3. To procure insurance against any loss in connection  
30 with its operations and property interests.

31 4. To fix and collect fees and charges for its services.

32 5. To accept contributions, including but not limited to  
33 appropriations, gifts, grants, loans, services, or other aid  
34 or assistance from public or private entities. A record of  
35 all contributions, stating the type, amount, and donor, shall

1 be clearly set forth in the council's annual report along with  
2 the record of other receipts.

3 6. To employ an executive director and other necessary  
4 staff.

5 7. To adopt rules consistent with the provisions of this  
6 chapter, and subject to chapter 17A.

7 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 272.4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

8 1. Under the general direction of the council, the  
9 executive director shall do all of the following:

10 a. Establish subcommittees of business and academic  
11 specialists as needed. The specialists shall be consulted as  
12 program areas are developed and individual projects are  
13 selected for funding.

14 b. Advise the council on matters relating to the mission  
15 of the council, including programs and projects under  
16 consideration or implementation of by the council, and  
17 finances of the council.

18 c. Recommend rules to be adopted by the council.

19 d. Control the council finances, including appropriations,  
20 and contributions, and approve expenses from state funds in a  
21 manner consistent with rules and procedures of the treasurer  
22 of state.

23 e. Report to the council members the condition of the  
24 council, including programs, projects, and finances, at least  
25 once each three months. The executive director shall prepare  
26 for council approval an annual report.

27 2. The executive director shall not, directly or  
28 indirectly exert influence to induce any other officer or  
29 employee of the state to adopt a political view, or to favor a  
30 political candidate for office.

31 3. The executive director shall serve as secretary to the  
32 council, and shall be custodian of all documents, including  
33 books and papers filed with the council and the minutes of  
34 council meetings. The executive director shall make copies of  
35 documents and provide certificates under seal that the copies

1 are true copies and that all persons dealing with the council  
2 may rely upon the certificates.

3 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 272.6 COUNCIL DUTIES.

4 The council shall carry out to mission and shall have  
5 discretionary authority to perform the following duties:

6 1. To adopt goals and objectives of the council, including  
7 recommendation to the general assembly and governor of a  
8 coordinated agricultural research policy which identifies  
9 areas of priority.

10 2. To review and analyze agricultural research programs in  
11 order to reduce inefficiency and duplication, identify  
12 conflicts of interests, and identify the needs of research  
13 institutions.

14 3. To conduct special research projects.

15 4. To establish criteria and award grants or loans based  
16 only on a competitive basis for programs relating to  
17 international training or research. In making financial  
18 awards, preference shall be given to programs which coordinate  
19 research with other research institutions, which promise  
20 benefit for Iowa agricultural producers, and which may not  
21 obtain financing through traditional sources.

22 5. To cooperate with research institutions, governmental  
23 agencies and businesses where collaboration would add value to  
24 agricultural research.

25 6. In order to leverage state funds appropriated to the  
26 council, to actively seek financial support from nonstate  
27 sources, including from the federal government, and from  
28 businesses. The council may require a match from nonstate  
29 sources for programs, seek generic business support for the  
30 council, seek support from business in one or more industries  
31 for programs which may benefit those businesses, or charge  
32 fees for services provided under the authority of the council.  
33 The council shall use foundation resources to the maximum  
34 extent possible in order to seek matching funds, gifts, grants  
35 or additional assets, including funding sources.

1 7. To regularly disseminate to interested persons  
2 information and issues relating to agricultural trade,  
3 including data and findings from laboratory and field research  
4 and market studies.

5 8. To report annually about the council to the governor  
6 and the general assembly as provided in section 272.6.

7 9. To oversee the progress of programs and projects  
8 administered by the council and monitor the status of council  
9 assets, including finances.

10 10. To approve any contract or agreement committing the  
11 council to the substantial expenditure of council assets.

12 11. To approve other procedures relating to the day-to-day  
13 administration of the council, and adopt rules consistent with  
14 chapter 17A.

15 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 272.6 ANNUAL REPORT.

16 1. The council shall approve and submit to the governor  
17 and to the secretary of the senate and to the chief clerk of  
18 the house of representatives, not later than January 15 of  
19 each year, a report setting forth information relating to the  
20 council, including all of the following:

21 a. Matters relating to operations and accomplishments.

22 b. A summary of receipts and expenditures during the  
23 fiscal year, in accordance with the classifications it  
24 establishes for its operating accounts.

25 c. A summary of assets and liabilities at the end of the  
26 fiscal year and the status of special accounts.

27 d. A statement of proposed and projected activities.

28 e. An inventory of state funded agricultural research  
29 projects including programs administered or financed by  
30 research institutions.

31 f. Recommendations to the general assembly and governor,  
32 including recommendations related to an agricultural research  
33 policy designed to substantially improve the administration of  
34 research in the state. The report shall identify inefficiency  
35 and duplication of research and identify needs of research

1 institutions.

2 2. The annual report shall identify performance goals of  
3 the council, and indicate the extent of progress during the  
4 reporting period, in attaining the goals.

5 3. State agencies shall cooperate with the council to  
6 facilitate preparation of the annual report.

7 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 272.7 IOWA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
8 FUND.

9 There is created within the state treasury, an Iowa  
10 agricultural research fund. The fund is composed of moneys  
11 appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose,  
12 including moneys designated by the general assembly under  
13 chapter 99E and moneys available to and obtained or accepted  
14 by the council under this chapter, including moneys from the  
15 United States, state agencies, political subdivisions, and  
16 private sources, and moneys from fees charged under this  
17 chapter.

18 The fund shall be a revolving fund from which moneys may be  
19 used for purposes described in this chapter, including loans,  
20 grants, matching financing, and administrative costs. All  
21 interest earned on proceeds in the fund shall remain in the  
22 fund.

23 The state auditor shall conduct regular audits of the fund  
24 and shall make a certified report relating to the condition of  
25 the fund to the treasurer of state and to the executive  
26 director.

27 The council and executive director shall administer the  
28 fund as in accordance with procedures of the treasurer of  
29 state. In administering the fund, the council may do all of  
30 the following:

31 1. Contract, sue and be sued, and adopt rules necessary to  
32 carry out the provisions of this section, but the council  
33 shall not in any manner, directly or indirectly pledge the  
34 credit of the state.

35 2. Authorize payment from the fund, from fees and from any

1 income received by investment of money in the fund, for cost,  
2 commissions, attorney fees, and other reasonable expenses  
3 related to and necessary for making and protecting direct  
4 loans under this section, and for the recovery of moneys  
5 loaned or the management of property acquired in connection  
6 with the loans.

7 Section 8.33 shall not apply to moneys in the fund.

8 Sec. 8. ORGANIZING BOARD. The secretary of agriculture  
9 shall call the council to order and preside at the initial  
10 meeting, not later than six months following appointment of  
11 all the members.

12 Sec. 9. The state board of regents shall furnish the  
13 council with a meeting place and all articles and supplies,  
14 and services necessary to enable the council to perform its  
15 duties.

16 Sec. 10. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,  
17 takes effect upon enactment.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill establishes an agricultural research coordinating  
20 council to facilitate, sponsor, and coordinate pure and  
21 applied research relating to all aspects associated with the  
22 production, processing, and marketing of agricultural  
23 commodities in order to maximize and promote economic benefit  
24 to the state. The bill becomes law upon its enactment.

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