

## **16A.1 Legislative findings purpose.**

The general assembly finds and declares as follows:

1. The establishment of the authority is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state of Iowa, for the improvement of their health and welfare and for the promotion of the economy, which are public purposes.
2. The authority will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this chapter.
3. There exists a serious problem in this state regarding the ability of farmers and small businesses to obtain adequate affordable operating loans and to service the debt on existing operating, machinery, and land loans.
4. Farming and the operation of small regionally owned businesses are principal pursuits of the inhabitants of this state. Many other industries and pursuits are wholly dependent upon farming and small business.
5. The inability of farmers and small businesses to obtain adequate affordable operating loans and to service the debt on existing operating, machinery, and land loans is conducive to economic decline and poverty and impairs the economic value of vast areas of the state, which are characterized by depreciated property values, impaired investments, and reduced capacity to pay taxes.
6. These conditions result in a loss of population and further economic deterioration, accompanied by added costs to communities for creation of new public facilities and services.
7. A major cause of the unavailability of adequate affordable operating loans and the inability to service the debt on existing operating, machinery, and land loans is the unstable economic condition of the state, due in part to unanticipated high interest rates.
8. A stable economic condition is necessary to encourage and facilitate the availability of adequate affordable operating loans and to enable farmers and small businesses to service the debt on existing operating, machinery, and land loans, and it is necessary to create a state economic protective and investment authority to administer programs to stabilize the economic condition.
9. The public purpose of this chapter is to maximize the economic potential of the state and to thereby stabilize the economic condition of the state.

85 Acts, ch 252, §2

CS85, § 175A.1

C93, § 16A.1