

# House Amendment 1630

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1 1 Amend the House amendment, S=3208, to Senate File  
1 2 200, as passed by the Senate, as follows:  
1 3 #1. By striking page 1, line 8, through page 4,  
1 4 line 33, and inserting the following:  
1 5 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. NEW SECTION. 455B.118 WATERSHED  
1 6 IMPROVEMENT FUND.  
1 7 1. A watershed improvement fund is created in the  
1 8 state treasury under the joint administrative control  
1 9 of the department of natural resources and the  
1 10 department of agriculture and land stewardship.  
1 11 Moneys appropriated to the fund and any other moneys  
1 12 available to and obtained or accepted by either  
1 13 department for placement in the fund shall be  
1 14 deposited in the fund. Additionally, payments of  
1 15 interest, recaptures of awards, and other repayments  
1 16 to the fund shall be deposited in the fund.  
1 17 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest  
1 18 or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to  
1 19 the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the  
1 20 fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
1 21 end of the fiscal year shall not revert, but shall  
1 22 remain available for the same purpose in the  
1 23 succeeding fiscal year. Moneys appropriated to either  
1 24 department and deposited in the fund shall not be used  
1 25 for administrative purposes.  
1 26 2. The purposes of the watershed improvement fund  
1 27 are the following:  
1 28 a. Enhancement of water quality in the state  
1 29 through a variety of impairment-based, locally  
1 30 directed watershed improvement grant projects.  
1 31 b. Positively affecting the management and use of  
1 32 water for the purposes of drinking, agriculture,  
1 33 recreation, sport, and economic development in the  
1 34 state.  
1 35 c. Ensuring public participation in the process of  
1 36 determining priorities related to water quality  
1 37 including but not limited to all of the following:  
1 38 (1) Agricultural runoff and drainage.  
1 39 (2) Stream bank erosion.  
1 40 (3) Municipal discharge.  
1 41 (4) Stormwater runoff.  
1 42 (5) Unsewered communities.  
1 43 (6) Industrial discharge.  
1 44 (7) Livestock runoff.  
1 45 3. A watershed improvement review committee is  
1 46 established consisting of all of the following voting  
1 47 members, appointed by the named entity or entities and  
1 48 approved by the governor:  
1 49 a. One member of the agribusiness association of  
1 50 Iowa.  
2 1 b. One member of the Iowa association of water  
2 2 agencies.  
2 3 c. One member of the Iowa environmental council.  
2 4 d. One member of the Iowa farm bureau federation.  
2 5 e. One member of the Iowa pork producers  
2 6 association.  
2 7 f. One member of the Iowa rural water association.  
2 8 g. One member of the Iowa soybean association.  
2 9 h. One member representing soil and water  
2 10 conservation districts of Iowa.  
2 11 i. One member of the Iowa association of county  
2 12 conservation boards.  
2 13 j. One person representing the department of  
2 14 agriculture and land stewardship.  
2 15 k. One person representing the department of  
2 16 natural resources.  
2 17 4. The watershed improvement review committee  
2 18 shall do all of the following:  
2 19 a. Award local watershed improvement grants and  
2 20 monitor the progress of local watershed improvement  
2 21 projects awarded grants. A local watershed  
2 22 improvement grant may be awarded for a period not to  
2 23 exceed three years. Each local watershed improvement  
2 24 grant awarded shall not exceed ten percent of the

2 25 moneys appropriated for the grants during a fiscal  
2 26 year.  
2 27 b. Assist with the development of monitoring plans  
2 28 for local watershed improvement projects.  
2 29 c. Review monitoring results before, during, and  
2 30 after completion of a local watershed improvement  
2 31 project.  
2 32 d. Review costs and benefits of mitigation  
2 33 practices utilized by a project.  
2 34 e. By January 31, annually, submit an electronic  
2 35 report to the governor and the general assembly  
2 36 regarding the progress of the watershed improvement  
2 37 projects during the previous calendar year.  
2 38 f. Elicit the expertise of other organizations for  
2 39 technical assistance in the work of the review  
2 40 committee.  
2 41 g. Adopt administrative rules pursuant to chapter  
2 42 17A to administer this section.  
2 43 5. A watershed improvement review committee member  
2 44 who also serves on a local watershed improvement  
2 45 committee shall abstain from voting on a local  
2 46 watershed improvement grant application submitted by  
2 47 the same local watershed improvement committee of  
2 48 which the person is a member.  
2 49 6. a. A local watershed improvement committee  
2 50 shall be organized for the purposes of applying for a  
3 1 local watershed improvement grant and implementing a  
3 2 local watershed improvement project. Each local  
3 3 watershed improvement grant application shall include  
3 4 a methodology for attaining measurable, observable,  
3 5 and performance-based results. A majority of the  
3 6 members of the local watershed improvement committee  
3 7 shall represent a cause for the impairment of the  
3 8 watershed. The committee shall be authorized as a  
3 9 not-for-profit organization by the secretary of state.  
3 10 Soil and water conservation districts may also be  
3 11 eligible and apply for and receive local watershed  
3 12 improvement grants.  
3 13 b. A local watershed improvement committee shall  
3 14 be responsible for application for and implementation  
3 15 of an approved local watershed improvement grant,  
3 16 including providing authorization for project bids and  
3 17 project expenditures under the grant. A portion of  
3 18 the grant moneys may be used to engage engineering  
3 19 expertise related to the project. The committee shall  
3 20 monitor local performance throughout the local  
3 21 watershed grant project and shall submit a report at  
3 22 six-month intervals regarding the progress and  
3 23 findings of the project as required by the watershed  
3 24 improvement review committee.>  
3 25 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3  
3 26 and inserting the following: <An Act relating to  
3 27 agriculture by providing for the powers and duties of  
3 28 the department of agriculture and land stewardship and  
3 29 watershed improvement.>>  
3 30 SF 200.S  
3 31 tm/cc/26