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1 Amend House File 2694 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <DIVISION I

5 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

6 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

7 Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

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

13 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
14 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
15 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
16 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
17 \$ 20,162,310
18 FTEs 420.00

19 2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following
20 amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and
21 technology, to be used for the university's midwest grape and
22 wine industry institute:

23 \$ 325,000

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

29 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

30 Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS —
31 HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys
32 available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture
33 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
34 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so
35 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes

1 designated:

2 For purposes of supporting the department's administration
3 and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section
4 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and
5 miscellaneous purposes:

6 \$ 305,516

7 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR
8 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable
9 fuel infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the
10 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
11 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
12 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
13 used for the purposes designated:

14 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
15 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

16 \$ 500,000

17 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

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

24 1. DAIRY REGULATION

25 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
26 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
27 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

28 \$ 189,196

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

34 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

35 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm

1 program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):
2 \$ 75,000
3 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
4 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
5 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
6 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
7 and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).
8 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
9 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
10 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
11 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
12 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

13 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
14 a. For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association
15 affiliated with a national organization that promotes
16 agricultural education providing for future farmers:
17 \$ 150,000
18 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
19 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
20 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
21 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
22 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

23 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK
24 a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
25 and response fund created in [section 163.3B](#) to further
26 implement a foreign animal disease preparedness and response
27 strategy as described in [section 163.3C](#):
28 \$ 1,050,000
29 b. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
30 and response fund created in [section 163.3B](#), for purposes
31 of purchasing and maintaining equipment to further the
32 implementation of the foreign animal disease preparedness and
33 response strategy developed under [section 163.3C](#):
34 \$ 250,000
35 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

1 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
2 disabilities:
3 \$ 230,000

4 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
5 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
6 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
7 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
8 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
9 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
10 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
11 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
12 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the
13 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged
14 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
15 modification consultations, peer support services, services
16 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
17 services.

18 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
19 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
20 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
21 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
22 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

23 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

24 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
25 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.2](#):
26 \$ 400,000

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

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

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

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

4 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

5 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and
6 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.12:

7 \$ 200,000

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

11 8. GRAIN REGULATION

12 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203
13 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
14 miscellaneous purposes:

15 \$ 350,000

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

19 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
20 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
22 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
23 used for the purposes designated:

24 For purposes of supporting a choose Iowa food purchasing
25 pilot project to assist eligible participants in purchasing
26 qualified food products:

27 \$ 200,000

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

33 3. The department shall administer the pilot project
34 according to all of the following:

35 a. A farm or business that owns or operates the farm

1 source shall be given a preference to participate in the pilot
2 project if the farm or business is currently participating in
3 the choose Iowa promotional program as provided in chapter
4 159, subchapter II, part 2, Code 2024. Otherwise, a farm
5 or business may participate in the pilot project if the farm
6 or business has applied to participate in the choose Iowa
7 promotional program and the department determines that the
8 application will be approved.

9 b. An eligible participant is limited to any of the
10 following:

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

14 (2) An Iowa food bank or an Iowa emergency feeding
15 organization, recognized by the department.

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

17 (1) For a school or school district, meat and poultry, dairy
18 products other than milk, eggs, honey, and produce.

19 (2) For an Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding
20 organization, meat and poultry, dairy products, eggs, honey,
21 and produce.

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

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

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

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

34 (2) An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization
35 shall not receive more than \$25,000 for participating in the

1 pilot project.

2 5. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
3 moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to pay for the costs of
4 administering the pilot project.

5 6. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
6 subsection 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
7 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the
8 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
9 expenditure for the purposes designated in subsection 1 until
10 the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

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

14 DIVISION II

15 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

16 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

17 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
18 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
19 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following
20 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
21 purposes designated:

22 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
23 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
24 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
25 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
26 \$ 12,500,000
27 FTEs 1,145.95

28 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions
29 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00
30 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the
31 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing
32 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.
33 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park
34 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

35 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of

1 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
2 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
3 expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to
4 support the department's administration, regulation, and
5 programs.

6 Sec. 7. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
7 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

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

14 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
15 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
16 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
17 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
18 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
19 and miscellaneous purposes:

20 \$ 49,752,093

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

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

34 Sec. 8. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
35 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created

1 in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for
2 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
3 2025, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to
4 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
5 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

6 For purposes of supporting the department's protection
7 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,
8 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
9 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

10 \$ 3,455,850

11 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

12 Sec. 9. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE

13 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
14 fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural
15 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
16 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
17 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

18 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
19 snowmobile programs:

20 \$ 100,000

21 Sec. 10. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE

22 TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the
23 unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive
24 petroleum underground storage tank fund board established
25 pursuant to [section 455G.4](#) to the department of natural
26 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
27 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
28 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

29 For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the
30 department's underground storage tanks section:

31 \$ 200,000

32 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

33 Sec. 11. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
34 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
35 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal

1 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
2 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
3 used for the purposes designated:

4 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

5 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
6 safety:

7 \$ 1,510,000

8 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
9 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
10 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
11 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
12 frequency analysis.

13 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
14 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
15 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
16 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
17 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

18 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

19 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
20 programs:

21 \$ 525,000

22 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
23 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
24 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
25 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
26 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

27 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

28 For supporting operations at state parks, including
29 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

30 \$ 1,000,000

31 DIVISION III

32 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

33 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

34 Sec. 12. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

35 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state

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1 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
2 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
3 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
4 used for the purposes designated:

5 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
6 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
7 laboratory and for not more than the following full-time
8 equivalent positions:

9 \$ 4,500,000
10 FTEs 51.00

11 2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology
12 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the
13 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the
14 appropriation made in this section.

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

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

25 Sec. 13. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS.

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

31 For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension
32 service in agriculture and home economics in providing
33 technical support to landowners and loggers regarding the
34 management of private forests in northeast Iowa, and for not
35 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

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1 \$ 150,000
2 FTEs 1.00

3 2. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
4 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
5 economics in administering this section.

6 Sec. 14. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.

7 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
8 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
10 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
11 used for the purposes designated:

12 For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
13 in [section 267.8](#):

14 \$ 291,390

15 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used
16 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support
17 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock
18 producers.

19 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

20 Sec. 15. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND — VETERINARY
21 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there
22 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created
23 in section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and
24 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
25 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
26 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

27 For the purpose of supporting the college of veterinary
28 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
29 laboratory:

30 \$ 120,000

31 DIVISION IV

32 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

33 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

34 Sec. 16. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
35 (I-CASH).

1 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
2 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
3 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,
4 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
5 designated:

6 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
7 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
8 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
9 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
10 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
11 members of the agricultural community:

12 \$ 128,154

13 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
14 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
15 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
16 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
17 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
18 July 1, 2024, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
19 beginning July 1, 2023.

20 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
21 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
22 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
23 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
24 subsection 1.

25 3. If by June 30, 2025, the state university of Iowa fails
26 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance
27 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
28 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection
29 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
30 30, 2025, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
31 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section
32 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the
33 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or
34 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or
35 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount

1 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any
2 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant
3 to [section 8.33](#).

4 DIVISION V
5 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND
6 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

7 Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND
8 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
9 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
10 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
11 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so
12 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
13 designated:

14 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)
15 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
16 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
17 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
18 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
19 \$ 1,000,000

20 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
21 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
22 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

23 c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
24 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection,
25 in combination with other appropriate environment first
26 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States
27 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation
28 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding
29 available to Iowa.

30 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION
31 a. For continuation of a program that provides
32 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
33 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:
34 \$ 900,000
35 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated

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1 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
2 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

3 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

4 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
5 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and
6 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to
7 improve water quality and habitat:

8 \$ 900,000

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

12 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

13 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
14 conservation:

15 \$ 8,325,000

16 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
17 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
18 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):

19 \$ 140,000

20 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred to
21 the fund's hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph
22 (1) may be used for administrative costs.

23 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
24 for use by the department in providing for soil and water
25 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
26 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
27 districts:

28 \$ 8,185,000

29 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
30 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,
31 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the
32 purpose of providing financial incentives under [section 161A.73](#)
33 to establish management practices for the control of soil
34 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited
35 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring

1 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation
2 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be
3 expended by the district for that same purpose.

4 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
5 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address
6 complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).

7 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
8 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
9 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
10 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
11 161A.73.

12 g. The state soil conservation and water quality committee
13 established by [section 161A.4](#) may allocate moneys appropriated
14 in paragraph "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects
15 to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution
16 control practices.

17 h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as
18 provided in [section 161A.73](#) may be used in combination with
19 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

20 i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated
21 in paragraph "c" may be used for costs of administration and
22 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

23 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

24 a. For use by the department for costs of administration and
25 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:

26 \$ 3,800,000

27 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", \$150,000
28 is allocated to support field staff providing technical
29 assistance.

30 Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
31 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
32 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
33 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
34 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
35 used for the purposes designated:

1 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2 1. OPERATIONS

3 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
4 geological survey of the state as created within the state
5 university of Iowa pursuant to [section 456.1](#), including but not
6 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,
7 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for
8 water supply development and protection:

9 \$ 200,000

10 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

11 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
12 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
13 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
14 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
15 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to [sections 455B.262B](#)
16 and [456.14](#):

17 \$ 495,000

18 Sec. 20. REVERSION.

19 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
20 notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of this
22 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
23 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
24 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
25 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
26 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

27 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for
28 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of
29 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
30 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of
31 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain
32 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
33 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
34 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
35 beginning July 1, 2027.

1 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred
2 pursuant to this division of this Act to the loess hills
3 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#),
4 which shall not revert as provided in that section.

5 DIVISION VI

6 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

7 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

8 Sec. 21. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
9 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

10 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
11 created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
12 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
13 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so
14 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
15 designated:

16 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
17 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
18 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
19 and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including
20 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
21 \$ 2,375,000

22 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be
23 used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the
24 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified
25 by the water resources coordinating council established
26 pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

27 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to
28 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional
29 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority
30 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating
31 council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

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

34 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
35 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy

1 as defined in [section 455B.171](#).

2 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
3 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
4 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
5 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
6 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
7 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
8 subwatershed.

9 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
10 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
11 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
12 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of
13 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
14 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
15 whichever is less.

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

21 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
22 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
23 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the
24 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
25 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
26 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
27 land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

28 4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used
29 to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages
30 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for
31 farming to implement water quality practices, including the
32 establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and
33 not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

34 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used
35 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of

1 efforts provided in this section.

2 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by
3 the department to support urban soil and water conservation
4 efforts, which may include but are not limited to management
5 practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of
6 permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration.
7 The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided
8 in [chapter 161A](#).

9 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
10 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in
11 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a
12 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to
13 the department from a state or federal source.

14 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
15 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
16 and implementing the water quality initiative by the
17 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as
18 provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

19 DIVISION VII

20 IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

21 Sec. 22. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
22 lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 455A.18](#), there is
23 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
24 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
25 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
26 30, 2025, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
27 section 455A.19:

28 \$ 12,000,000

29 Sec. 23. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK
30 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.

31 Notwithstanding [section 455A.19, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a",
32 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
33 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,
34 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural
35 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,

1 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July
2 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.

3 DIVISION VIII

4 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS — MARKETING AGRICULTURAL
5 PRODUCTS — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
6 PART A

7 MARKETING PROGRAMS — APPROPRIATION PROVISIONS CONDITIONED ON
8 FAILURE TO ENACT CERTAIN LEGISLATION

9 Sec. 24. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM, CHOOSE
10 IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM, AND DAIRY INNOVATION FUND. There
11 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
12 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
13 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
14 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
15 used for the purposes designated:

16 1. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

17 a. For the administration and execution of a value-added
18 agriculture grant program to identify, evaluate, and support
19 programs and services that add value to agriculture products,
20 enable new technology, and support marketing strategies:

21 \$ 463,000

22 b. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#)
23 necessary to implement and administer this subsection.

24 c. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
25 moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" to pay for the costs of
26 administering the grant program described in that paragraph.

27 d. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
28 paragraph "a" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
29 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the
30 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
31 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
32 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

33 2. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

34 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund established pursuant to
35 section 159.31:

1 \$ 600,000

2 3. DAIRY INNOVATION FUND

3 a. For deposit in the dairy innovation fund created in
4 section 159.31A:

5 \$ 750,000

6 b. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
7 moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" to pay for the costs of
8 administering the dairy innovation program.

9 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, and section 159.31A,
10 subsection 2, paragraph "b", moneys appropriated in paragraph
11 "a" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, that remain
12 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
13 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
14 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
15 beginning July 1, 2026.

16 Sec. 25. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
17 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, only if 2024
18 Iowa Acts, House File 2641, is not enacted.

19 PART B

20 MARKETING PROGRAMS — APPROPRIATION PROVISIONS CONDITIONED ON
21 ENACTMENT OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

22 Sec. 26. CHOOSE IOWA FUND.

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

28 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund as created in section
29 187.201:

30 \$ 1,813,000

31 2. a. (1) Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
32 the department shall use \$463,000 to support the value-added
33 agricultural grant program created in section 187.321.

34 (2) Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the
35 department shall use \$600,000 to support the choose Iowa

1 promotional program as provided in chapter 187, subchapter III,
2 part 1.

3 (3) Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the
4 department shall use \$750,000 to support the dairy innovation
5 and revitalization program created in section 187.311.

6 b. The department may increase or decrease the amount of
7 moneys used to support a program described in paragraph "a"
8 based on the amount of moneys awarded to persons participating
9 in the program. The department shall publish a notice of the
10 department's action to increase or decrease the amount on the
11 department's internet site where the programs are advertised at
12 least thirty days prior to the day that the department takes
13 such action.

14 Sec. 27. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
15 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, only if 2024
16 Iowa Acts, House File 2641, is enacted.

17 DIVISION IX

18 BUTCHERY INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION FUND AND PROGRAM

19 Sec. 28. APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

20 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
21 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
22 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
23 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
24 used for the purposes designated:

25 For the establishment and administration of a new butchery
26 innovation and revitalization program to award financial
27 assistance to eligible businesses for projects based on
28 criteria described in section 15E.370:

29 \$ 249,695

30 2. The department shall adopt rules under chapter 17A as it
31 deems necessary or desirable to establish and administer the
32 program described in subsection 1.

33 3. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
34 moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to pay for the costs of
35 administering the program described in subsection 1.

1 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
2 subsection 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
3 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the
4 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
5 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
6 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

7 DIVISION X

8 BLUFFLANDS PROTECTION REVOLVING FUND

9 PART A

10 APPROPRIATIONS

11 Sec. 29. APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

12 1. Notwithstanding sections 161A.80A and 161A.80B, there
13 is appropriated from the blufflands protection revolving fund
14 created in section 161A.80A to the state university of Iowa for
15 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
16 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
17 to be used for the purposes designated:

18 For purposes of supporting a groundwater planning and
19 resource assessment project to be administered by the Iowa
20 geological survey of the state as created pursuant to section
21 456.1:

22 \$ 250,000

23 2. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used
24 by the Iowa geological survey to map and assess the condition
25 of this state's aquifers. The Iowa geological survey may
26 measure the volume of groundwater that is available for various
27 uses, the current and predicted allocations of groundwater to
28 support those uses, the recharge rate for the aquifers, and
29 the development of models for budgeting this state's water
30 resources.

31 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys transferred in
32 subsection 1 shall not revert to any fund but shall remain
33 available for the purposes designated in subsection 1.

34 Sec. 30. APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT CHOOSE IOWA FOOD
35 PURCHASING PILOT PROJECT.

1 1. Notwithstanding sections 161A.80A and 161A.80B, there
2 is appropriated from the blufflands protection revolving fund
3 created in section 161A.80A to the department of agriculture
4 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
5 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so
6 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
7 designated:

8 For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food purchasing
9 pilot project for schools and school districts or food banks
10 and Iowa emergency feeding organizations as provided in this
11 Act:

12 \$ 100,000

13 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
14 subsection 1 shall not revert to any fund but shall remain
15 available for the purposes designated in subsection 1.

16 Sec. 31. APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT STATE PARK AND RECREATION
17 AREAS ACCESSIBILITY.

18 1. Notwithstanding sections 161A.80A and 161A.80B, after
19 moneys have been appropriated to support purposes described
20 in this part of this division of this Act, any unobligated or
21 unencumbered moneys remaining in the blufflands protection
22 revolving fund created in section 161A.80A are appropriated to
23 the department of natural resources for purposes of increasing
24 accessibility for persons with disabilities when visiting state
25 parks and recreation areas.

26 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
27 subsection 1 shall not revert to any fund but shall remain
28 available for the purposes designated in subsection 1.

29 3. After moneys have been appropriated to support purposes
30 described in this part of this division of this Act, the
31 blufflands protection program created in section 161A.80A is
32 suspended and moneys shall not be expended from the blufflands
33 protection revolving fund other than to wind down existing
34 obligations and comply with section 161A.80B.

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PART B

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(amending this HF 2694 to CONFORM to SF 2421)

1 CODIFIED PROVISIONS

2 Sec. 32. Section 161A.80A, subsection 2, Code 2024, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 2. A blufflands protection revolving fund is created in
5 the state treasury. All proceeds shall be divided into two
6 equal accounts. One account shall be used for the purchase
7 of blufflands along the Mississippi river and its tributaries
8 and the other account shall be used for the purchase of
9 blufflands along the Missouri river and its tributaries. The
10 proceeds of the revolving fund are appropriated to make loans
11 to conservation organizations ~~which~~ that agree to purchase
12 bluffland properties adjacent to state public lands. The
13 department of agriculture and land stewardship, in conjunction
14 with the department of natural resources, shall adopt rules
15 pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to administer the disbursement of
16 funds. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7](#), interest or earnings on
17 investments made pursuant to [this section](#) or as provided in
18 section 12B.10 shall be credited to the blufflands protection
19 revolving fund. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), unobligated
20 or unencumbered funds credited to the blufflands protection
21 revolving fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal year.
22 ~~However, the maximum balance in the blufflands protection~~
23 ~~revolving fund shall not exceed two million five hundred~~
24 ~~thousand dollars. Any funds in excess of two million five~~
25 ~~hundred thousand dollars shall be credited to the rebuild Iowa~~
26 ~~infrastructure fund. No loan shall be made under this section~~
27 ~~on or after July 1, 2025.~~

28 Sec. 33. Section 161A.80B, subsection 1, Code 2024, is
29 amended to read as follows:

30 1. The principal and interest from any loan made pursuant to
31 section 161A.80A, ~~as enacted in [2015 Iowa Acts, ch 132, §45,](#)~~
32 ~~remaining outstanding on July 1, 2025, that would have been~~
33 ~~payable to the blufflands protection revolving fund created~~
34 ~~in [section 161A.80A,](#) that is due shall instead be paid to the~~
35 ~~division on or after July 1, 2025,~~ pursuant to the terms of

1 the loan agreement. The moneys paid to the division ~~shall be~~
2 ~~credited to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund created in~~
3 ~~section 8.57~~ are appropriated to the department of natural
4 resources for purposes of supporting projects increasing the
5 accessibility of persons with disabilities when visiting state
6 parks and recreation areas.

7 DIVISION XI

8 MISCELLANEOUS CODE PROVISIONS

9 Sec. 34. Section 458A.2, subsection 7, Code 2024, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 7. "*Gas*" means and includes all ~~natural gas and all other~~
12 naturally occurring gasses or fluid hydrocarbons which that
13 are produced at the wellhead and not defined in ~~this section~~
14 as oil.

15 Sec. 35. Section 458A.4, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
16 2024, is amended to read as follows:

17 e. That the production from wells be separated into ~~gaseous~~
18 ~~and liquid hydrocarbons~~ gasses and liquids, and that each be
19 accurately measured by the means and upon standards prescribed
20 by the department;

21 Sec. 36. Section 458A.4, subsection 6, Code 2024, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 6. To make rules or orders for the classification of wells
24 as oil wells or ~~dry natural~~ gas wells; or wells drilled, or
25 to be drilled, for geological information, or as wells for
26 secondary recovery projects, or wells for the disposal of
27 highly mineralized water, brine, or other oil field wastes, or
28 wells for the storage of dry natural gas, or casinghead gas,
29 or wells for the development of reservoirs for the storage of
30 liquid petroleum gas and for the exploration and production of
31 metallic mineral resources.>

32 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting
33 <An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state
34 government entities associated with agriculture, natural
35 resources, and environmental protection, and including

1 effective date provisions.>

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