

Senate File 2487

S-5243

1 Amend Senate File 2487 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 PART A

7 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

8 Section 1. GENERAL FUND.

9 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
10 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
11 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
12 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
13 used for the purposes designated:

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

18	\$ 20,733,294
19	FTEs 420.00

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

24	\$ 325,000
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25 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
26 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
27 of management. The report must describe in detail the
28 expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support
29 the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

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 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, 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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, 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 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There
18 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
19 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
20 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
21 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
22 used for the purposes designated:

23 1. DAIRY REGULATION

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

27 \$ 189,196

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

33 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

34 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm
35 program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):

1 \$ 125,000

2 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
3 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
4 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
5 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
6 and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).

7 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
8 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
9 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
10 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
11 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

12 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

16 \$ 150,000

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

22 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

23 For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and
24 response fund created in [section 163.3B](#):

25 \$ 1,050,000

26 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

27 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
28 disabilities:

29 \$ 230,000

30 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
31 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
32 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
33 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
34 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
35 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated

1 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
2 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
3 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the
4 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged
5 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
6 modification consultations, peer support services, services
7 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
8 services.

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

14 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

15 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
16 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.2](#):
17 \$ 300,000

18 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
19 \$260,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons
20 account.

21 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated in this
22 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

23 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
24 \$40,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
25 account.

26 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated in this
27 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

28 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

29 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and
30 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.12](#):
31 \$ 100,000

32 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
33 this subsection may be used for administrative costs.

34 8. GRAIN REGULATION

35 For the administration and enforcement of [chapters 203](#)

1 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
2 miscellaneous purposes:
3 \$ 350,000

4 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND

5 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section
6 187.201:
7 \$ 2,113,000

8 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
9 the department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the
10 value-added agricultural grant program created in section
11 187.321.

12 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
13 department may use up to \$813,000 to support the choose Iowa
14 promotional program as provided in chapter 187, subchapter III,
15 part 1.

16 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
17 department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the dairy
18 innovation and revitalization program created in section
19 187.311.

20 c. The department may increase or decrease the amount of
21 moneys used to support a program described in paragraph "b"
22 based on the amount of moneys awarded to persons participating
23 in the program. The department shall publish a notice of the
24 department's action to increase or decrease the amount on the
25 department's internet site where the programs are advertised at
26 least thirty days prior to the day that the department takes
27 such action.

28 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD BANK PURCHASING PROGRAM

29 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food
30 bank purchasing program to assist eligible participants in
31 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to section 187.331:
32 \$ 200,000

33 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
34 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
35 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain

1 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
2 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

3 PART B

4 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS

5 Sec. 5. CHOOSE IOWA SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAM.

6 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
7 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
8 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
9 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
10 used for the purposes designated:

11 For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa school purchasing
12 program to assist eligible schools and school districts in
13 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to section 187.307:
14 \$ 200,000

15 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
16 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
17 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
18 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
19 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

20 Sec. 6. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
21 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2026, if 2026 Iowa
22 Acts, House File 2748, or successor legislation, is enacted.

23 DIVISION II

24 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

25 Sec. 7. GENERAL FUND.

26 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
27 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
28 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
29 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
30 purposes designated:

31 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
32 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
33 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
34 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
35 \$ 12,816,738

1 FTEs 1,145.95

2 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions
3 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00
4 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the
5 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing
6 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.
7 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park
8 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

9 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
10 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department of
11 management. The report must describe in detail the expenditure
12 of moneys appropriated under this section to support the
13 department's administration, regulation, and programs.

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

16 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
17 protection fund created pursuant to [section 456A.17](#) to the
18 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount,
20 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
21 designated:

22 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
23 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
24 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
25 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
26 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
27 and miscellaneous purposes:

28 \$ 53,095,606

29 2. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may use
30 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
31 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
32 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances
33 of conservation peace officers employed in a protection
34 occupation, as described in [section 97B.49B](#), who retire.

35 3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may

1 accounts therein accrued during the fiscal year beginning July
2 1, 2026. In addition, the amount appropriated in this section
3 shall only be made available after the maximum amount of such
4 interest and earnings appropriated in this Act to the state
5 university of Iowa is made available to the university.

6 Sec. 11. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE
7 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
8 fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural
9 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
10 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof
11 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

12 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
13 snowmobile programs:

14 \$ 100,000

15 Sec. 12. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There
16 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
17 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
18 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,
19 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
20 designated:

21 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

22 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
23 safety:

24 \$ 1,510,000

25 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
26 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
27 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
28 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
29 frequency analysis.

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

35 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

1 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
2 programs:

3 \$ 525,000

4 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
5 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
6 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
7 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
8 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

9 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

10 For supporting operations at state parks, including
11 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

12 \$ 1,000,000

13 4. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE

14 For structural and infrastructural repairs in state parks:

15 \$ 300,000

16 DIVISION III

17 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

18 Sec. 13. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There
19 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa
20 state university of science and technology for the fiscal year
21 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
22 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
23 purposes designated:

24 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY — OPERATION

25 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
26 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
27 laboratory, and for not more than the following full-time
28 equivalent positions:

29 \$ 4,799,898

30 FTEs 51.00

31 b. (1) Iowa state university of science and technology
32 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the
33 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the
34 appropriation made in this subsection.

35 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to a reduction made

1 to support the college of veterinary medicine if the same
2 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary
3 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of
4 science and technology's budget units.

5 2. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY — TRANSITION TO
6 REFURBISHED FACILITY

7 To assist the college of veterinary medicine veterinary
8 diagnostic laboratory in installing and moving equipment into
9 its refurbished facility:

10 \$ 122,000

11 3. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

12 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative
13 extension service in agriculture and home economics in
14 providing technical support to landowners and loggers regarding
15 the management of private forests in northeast Iowa, and for
16 not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

17 \$ 150,000

18 FTEs 1.00

19 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
20 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
21 economics in administering this subsection.

22 4. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

23 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund
24 created in [section 267.8](#):

25 \$ 291,390

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

30 Sec. 14. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH FUND — VETERINARY
31 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding [section 466B.46](#), there
32 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created
33 in [section 466B.46](#) to Iowa state university of science and
34 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
35 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof

1 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
3 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
4 laboratory:

5 \$ 120,000

6 DIVISION IV

7 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

8 Sec. 15. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
9 (I-CASH).

10 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
11 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
12 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount,
13 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
14 designated:

15 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
16 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
17 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
18 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
19 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
20 members of the agricultural community:

21 \$ 128,154

22 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
23 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
24 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
25 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
26 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
27 July 1, 2026, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
28 beginning July 1, 2025.

29 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
30 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
31 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
32 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
33 subsection 1.

34 3. If moneys appropriated in subsection 1 revert as required
35 pursuant to [section 8.33](#), the state university of Iowa shall

1 moneys in the groundwater protection fund created in section
2 455E.11 and accounts therein, as described in section 455E.11,
3 subsection 1, paragraph "a", to the state university of Iowa
4 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June
5 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
6 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated, in the
7 following order of priority:

8 a. To support the Iowa water quality information system as
9 administered by the IIHR — hydroscience and engineering within
10 the college of engineering of the state university of Iowa:
11 \$ 300,000

12 b. (1) To support a groundwater planning and resource
13 assessment project to be administered by the Iowa geological
14 survey of the state:
15 \$ 78,000

16 (2) Moneys appropriated in this paragraph shall be used
17 by the Iowa geological survey to map and assess the condition
18 of this state's aquifers. The Iowa geological survey may
19 measure the volume of groundwater that is available for various
20 uses, the current and predicted allocations of groundwater to
21 support these uses, the recharge rate for the aquifers, and
22 the development of models for budgeting this state's water
23 resources.

24 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the amount appropriated
25 in this section shall not exceed the total amount of interest
26 and earnings on moneys in the groundwater protection fund and
27 accounts therein accrued during the fiscal year beginning July
28 1, 2026.

29 DIVISION V

30 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

31 Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND

32 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
33 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
34 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
35 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so

1 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
2 designated:

3 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

4 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
5 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
6 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
7 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
8 \$ 1,000,000

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 c. Notwithstanding section 8.57A, subsection 3, or any
13 other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use
14 moneys appropriated in this subsection, in combination with
15 other appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for
16 cost sharing to match United States department of agriculture,
17 natural resources conservation service, wetlands reserve
18 enhancement program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

19 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

20 a. For continuation of a program that provides
21 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
22 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:
23 \$ 900,000

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

27 3. CONSERVATION BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM

28 a. To encourage and assist farmers to establish and maintain
29 conservation buffer strip practices and to work with them to
30 enhance their revegetation efforts to improve water quality and
31 habitat:
32 \$ 900,000

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

1 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

2 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water

3 conservation:

4 \$ 8,325,000

5 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for

6 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills

7 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):

8 \$ 140,000

9 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred in

10 subparagraph (1) may be used for administrative costs.

11 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",

12 for use by the department in providing for soil and water

13 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and

14 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation

15 districts:

16 \$ 8,185,000

17 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the

18 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,

19 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the

20 purpose of providing financial incentives under [section 161A.73](#)

21 to establish management practices for the control of soil

22 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited

23 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring

24 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation

25 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be

26 expended by the district for that same purpose.

27 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in

28 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address

29 complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).

30 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent

31 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish

32 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of

33 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section

34 161A.73.

35 g. The department's division of soil conservation and

1 water quality may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph
2 "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote
3 conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control
4 practices.

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

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

11 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

14 \$ 3,800,000

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

18 Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
19 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
20 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
21 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
22 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
23 used for the purposes designated:

24 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

25 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
26 staff time associated with these activities:

27 \$ 6,235,000

28 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

29 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
30 information system data for their use in developing,
31 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

32 \$ 195,000

33 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

34 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
35 quality monitoring stations:

1 \$ 2,955,000

2 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

3 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the

4 water quality protection fund created in [section 455B.183A](#):

5 \$ 500,000

6 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

7 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including

8 as provided for in [chapters 459, 459A, and 459B](#):

9 \$ 1,320,000

10 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

11 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

12 \$ 375,000

13 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

14 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient

15 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary

16 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality

17 standards from particulate matter:

18 \$ 425,000

19 Sec. 20. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL

20 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first

21 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the state university of Iowa

22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June

23 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is

24 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

25 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS

26 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa

27 geological survey of the state, including but not limited

28 to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection, and

29 compilation; investigative programs; and information for water

30 supply development and protection:

31 \$ 200,000

32 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

33 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in

34 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water

35 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural

1 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
2 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to [sections 455B.262B](#)
3 and [456.14](#):

4 \$ 495,000

5 Sec. 21. REVERSION.

6 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
7 notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the
8 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in this division of this
9 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
10 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
11 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
12 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
13 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

14 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for
15 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in this division of
16 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
17 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of
18 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain
19 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
20 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
21 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
22 beginning July 1, 2029.

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

27 DIVISION VI

28 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

29 Sec. 22. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
30 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

31 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
32 created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
33 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
34 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so
35 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes

1 designated:

2 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
3 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
4 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
5 and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including
6 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
7 \$ 2,375,000

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

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

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

20 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
21 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy
22 as defined in [section 455B.171](#).

23 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
24 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
25 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
26 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
27 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
28 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
29 subwatershed.

30 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
31 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
32 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
33 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of
34 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
35 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,

1 whichever is less.

2 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other
3 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar
4 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day
5 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish
6 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

7 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
8 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
9 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the
10 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
11 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
12 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
13 land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

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

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

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

30 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
31 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in
32 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a
33 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to
34 the department from a state or federal source.

35 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in

1 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
2 and implementing the water quality initiative by the
3 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as
4 provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

5 DIVISION VII

6 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

7 Sec. 23. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
8 lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 455A.18](#), there is
9 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
10 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
11 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June
12 30, 2027, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
13 section 455A.19:

14 \$ 12,000,000

15 Sec. 24. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK
16 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.

17 Notwithstanding [section 455A.19](#), subsection 1, paragraph "a",
18 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
19 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,
20 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural
21 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,
22 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July
23 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

24 DIVISION VIII

25 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

26 Sec. 25. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — DEPARTMENT
27 OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

28 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease
29 prevention fund created in [section 165.18](#) to the department of
30 agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
31 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,
32 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
33 designated:

34 a. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment
35 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease

1 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
2 163.3C:

3 \$ 150,000

4 b. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines
5 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that
6 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:

7 \$ 100,000

8 c. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
9 and response fund created in [section 163.3B](#):

10 \$ 200,000

11 d. For purposes of upgrading information technology
12 resources used by the department:

13 \$ 160,000

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

19 DIVISION IX

20 WATER QUALITY FUNDING

21 Sec. 26. REBUILD IOWA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — SPECIAL
22 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
23 infrastructure fund created in section 8.57 to the Iowa finance
24 authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
25 ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof
26 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

27 1. a. For deposit in the water quality financial assistance
28 fund created in section 16.134A for the purposes of supporting
29 the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial
30 assistance program created in section 16.134:

31 \$ 8,000,000

32 b. The moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" shall be used to
33 provide financial assistance, including grants, for projects
34 designed to improve water quality by addressing point and
35 nonpoint sources, with a higher prioritization provided to

1 collaborative effort.

2 2. For deposit in the rural Iowa infrastructure bank program
3 fund created in section 16.240, as enacted in this division of
4 this Act:

5 \$ 10,000,000

6 Sec. 27. Section 16.134, subsection 4, paragraph i, Code
7 2026, is amended to read as follows:

8 *i.* An applicant shall not receive a grant that exceeds five
9 ~~hundred thousand~~ one million dollars.

10 Sec. 28. Section 16.134A, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 3. ~~For~~ Except for moneys deposited in the fund for
13 a specified purpose, for each fiscal year in the period
14 beginning July 1, ~~2018~~ 2026, and ending June 30, 2039, there
15 is appropriated the following ~~percentages of~~ amounts from the
16 balance of the fund for all of the following purposes:

17 *a.* ~~Forty percent to the Iowa finance authority to support~~
18 ~~the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial~~
19 ~~assistance program created in section 16.134~~ Five hundred
20 thousand dollars to the department of natural resources for
21 the purposes of water quality monitoring, including, at the
22 department's discretion, continuous monitoring.

23 *b.* ~~Forty-five percent to the Iowa finance authority to be~~
24 ~~credited to the water quality financing program fund created~~
25 ~~pursuant to section 16.153.~~ The following percentages of moneys
26 remaining in the fund for the following purposes:

27 (1) Sixty-five percent to the Iowa finance authority to
28 support the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial
29 assistance program created in section 16.134.

30 ~~e.~~ (2) Fifteen percent to the division of soil conservation
31 and water quality of the department of agriculture and land
32 stewardship to support the water quality urban infrastructure
33 program created in section 466B.44.

34 (3) Twenty percent to the division of soil conservation
35 and water quality of the department of agriculture and land

1 stewardship for deposit in the water quality initiative fund
2 created in section 466B.45 to provide technical assistance
3 and support conservation practices, including but not limited
4 to buffers, cover crops, edge-of-field structures, grazing
5 systems, and working lands, in counties located in the
6 following United States geological survey hydrologic unit code
7 8 watersheds:

8 (a) Boone.

9 (b) East fork Des Moines.

10 (c) Middle Des Moines.

11 (d) North Raccoon.

12 (e) South Raccoon.

13 (f) Upper Des Moines.

14 Sec. 29. Section 16.152, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
15 following new subsections:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The authority shall not initiate any
17 new loans under this part after June 30, 2026. Any loan or
18 interest payments received by the authority on or after July
19 1, 2026, shall be deposited in the water quality financial
20 assistance fund created pursuant to section 16.134A for the
21 purposes of supporting the wastewater and drinking water
22 treatment financial assistance program created in section
23 16.134.

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. For the fiscal year beginning July 1,
25 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the authority shall allocate
26 a sum not to exceed twenty-five million dollars from any
27 unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the water quality
28 financing program fund to a regional water authority, with
29 membership consisting of public utilities, as defined in
30 section 476.1, rural water districts organized and existing
31 under chapter 357A, and other governmental entities, which
32 serves a population of at least six hundred thousand and
33 is headquartered in the most populous county in the state
34 based on the 2020 federal decennial census, for the purpose
35 of constructing and installing additional nutrient removal

1 technology. These moneys shall remain available for
2 expenditure until June 30, 2029.

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Any unencumbered or unobligated moneys
4 in the water quality financing program fund created pursuant to
5 section 16.153 remaining after July 31, 2026, are transferred
6 to the water quality financial assistance fund created pursuant
7 to section 16.134A, to be used for purposes specified in
8 section 16.134A, subsection 3, paragraph "b", subparagraph
9 (3). An amount equal to the amount of moneys obligated by the
10 authority prior to July 1, 2026, shall remain in the water
11 quality financing program fund.

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. This part is repealed on the date that
13 all loans made pursuant to this part are paid in full. The
14 authority shall notify the Iowa Code editor of this occurrence.

15 Sec. 30. NEW SECTION. 16.240 Rural Iowa infrastructure bank
16 revolving loan program — fund.

17 1. As used in this section, "*small or medium sized*
18 *community*" means a city with a population of eleven thousand or
19 less.

20 2. The authority shall establish and administer a rural
21 Iowa infrastructure bank revolving loan program. The purpose
22 of the program is to provide loans to small or medium sized
23 communities to upgrade water or wastewater infrastructure.

24 3. a. A small or medium size community shall apply to the
25 authority for a loan under the program in a manner approved by
26 the authority.

27 b. Loan agreements may contain terms and conditions the
28 authority deems advisable, but the interest rate on any loan
29 shall not exceed one percent.

30 4. A rural Iowa infrastructure bank program fund is created
31 in the state treasury under the control of the authority and
32 consisting of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and
33 any other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the
34 authority for placement in the fund. Moneys in the fund are
35 appropriated to the authority for the purpose of providing

1 loans to small or medium sized communities under the program
2 established in this section. Repayments of moneys loaned and
3 recaptures of loans shall be deposited in the fund. Moneys
4 in the fund are not subject to section 8.33. Notwithstanding
5 section 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall
6 be credited to the fund.

7 5. The authority may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
8 administer this section.

9 Sec. 31. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor is directed
10 to designate section 16.240, as enacted by this division of
11 this Act, as chapter 16, subchapter X, part 12, entitled "Rural
12 Iowa Infrastructure Bank Revolving Loan Program".>

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