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House File 575
By CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE.

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A BILL FOR *conservation + recreation 3/31*
substituted for SF504-4/2

An Act authorizing participation by this state and its subdivisions in programs of federal assistance relating to the planning and development of outdoor recreation resources and facilities, and for related purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. The legislature finds that the state of Iowa and
2 its subdivisions should enjoy the benefits of federal assistance
3 programs for the planning and development of the outdoor recrea-
4 tion resources of the state, including the acquisition of lands
5 and waters and interests therein. It is the purpose of this Act
6 to provide authority to enable the state of Iowa and its sub-
7 divisions to participate in the benefits of such programs.

1 Sec. 2. The state conservation commission is authorized to
2 prepare, maintain, and keep up-to-date a comprehensive plan for
3 the development of the outdoor recreation resources of the state;
4 and to acquire lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters
5 for such areas and facilities.

1 Sec. 3. The state conservation commission may apply to any
2 appropriate agency or officer of the United States for partici-
3 pation in or the receipt of aid from any federal program respecting
4 outdoor recreation. It may enter into contracts and agreements
5 with the U. S. or any appropriate agency thereof and, for the
6 purposes for the preparation, maintenance and keeping up-to-date
7 of said comprehensive plan, may from time to time engage and

8 contract for the services and advice of any professional planner
9 or planners of outdoor recreation plans and facilities and hire
10 such employees for such purposes as deemed necessary. In con-
11 nection with obtaining the benefits of any such program, the
12 state conservation commission shall coordinate its activities
13 with and represent the interests of all agencies and subdivisions
14 of the state having interests in the planning, development, and
15 maintenance of outdoor recreation resources and facilities.

1 Sec. 4. The state conservation commission is hereby authorized
2 and empowered to perform such acts as may be necessary to conduct
3 and establishment of cooperative outdoor recreational and watershed
4 projects as may be defined by the congress of the United States
5 and by rules and regulations of the appropriate federal agency
6 and may accept federal funds and assistance for the purpose of
7 planning, acquisition and development of outdoor recreational
8 and watershed projects.

1 Sec. 5. The state conservation commission shall make no
2 commitment or enter into any agreement pursuant to an exercise
3 of authority under this Act until it has determined that suffi-
4 cient funds are available to it for meeting the state's share,
5 if any, of project costs. It is the legislative intent that,
6 to such extent as may be necessary to assure the proper operation
7 and maintenance of areas and facilities acquired or developed
8 pursuant to any program participated in by this state under
9 authority of this Act, such areas and facilities shall be publicly
10 maintained for outdoor recreation purposes. The state con-
11 servation commission may enter into and administer agreements
12 with the United States or any appropriate agency thereof for

13 planning, acquisition, and development projects involving par-
14 ticipating federal aid funds on behalf of any subdivision or
15 subdivisions of this State; provided that such subdivision or
16 subdivisions give necessary assurances to the state conser-
17 vation commission that they have available sufficient funds
18 to meet their shares, if any, of the cost of the project and
19 that the acquired or developed areas will be operated and
20 maintained at the expense of such subdivision or subdivisions
21 for public outdoor recreation use.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 575

The purpose of this bill is to allow the State of Iowa and its subdivisions to participate in federal programs pertaining to conservation and recreation if and when federal funds are made available for such projects.