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NATURAL RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the creation of a senior conservation and
2 outdoor recreation employment program under the department of
3 workforce development.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 84A.7A SENIOR CONSERVATION AND
2 OUTDOOR RECREATION EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

3 1. A senior conservation and outdoor recreation program is
4 established for the employment of individuals who are sixty
5 years of age or older by county conservation boards to further
6 conservation efforts, enhance the natural resources of this
7 state, and assist environmental education and outdoor
8 recreation programs.

9 2. The department of workforce development shall
10 administer the senior conservation and outdoor recreation
11 employment program and shall adopt rules governing the
12 operation of the program and eligibility guidelines for county
13 participation and financial grant criteria pursuant to chapter
14 17A.

15 3. Funds appropriated for the purposes of this section
16 shall be allocated equally among all county conservation
17 boards making application to the department.

18 4. An application shall be submitted by a county
19 conservation board on forms provided by the department. The
20 completed application shall be accompanied by a plan for the
21 employment of persons who are sixty years of age or older in
22 meaningful, productive, and healthy public service jobs
23 developed by a county conservation board. A county
24 conservation board submitting an application for a competitive
25 grant under this section shall agree to pay each individual
26 employed under the senior conservation and outdoor recreation
27 employment program a wage that meets or exceeds the state or
28 federal minimum wage, whichever is greater. A county
29 conservation board is encouraged to seek additional assistance
30 and resources from other state departments and agencies,
31 federal agencies and grant programs, private persons, or
32 organizations in order to match state funds received under
33 this section.

34 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION. The
35 department of workforce development shall implement a senior

1 conservation and outdoor recreation employment program only
2 upon receipt of sufficient funds to accomplish the purposes
3 specified in section 84A.7A.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill establishes, subject to an appropriation of
6 sufficient funds, a senior conservation and outdoor recreation
7 employment program for the employment of individuals who are
8 60 years or older by county conservation boards to further
9 conservation efforts, enhance the natural resources of this
10 state, and assist environmental education and outdoor
11 recreation programs.

12 The department of workforce development is responsible for
13 administering the program and for establishing grant
14 eligibility guidelines for a county conservation board.

15 A county conservation board shall submit a plan for the
16 employment of individuals who are 60 years of age or older in
17 meaningful, productive jobs at a wage that meets or exceeds
18 the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is greater.

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