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SENATE FILE 336
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 165)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to studies and reports of county land
2 preservation and use commissions, making an appropriation, and
3 providing an effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION AND USE COMMISSION --
 2 STUDY, UPDATE, AND REPORT. Each county land preservation and
 3 use commission established pursuant to section 352.3 shall
 4 conduct a study regarding the conversion of agricultural land
 5 to nonfarm uses, including but not limited to urban
 6 development. The commission may update its county use
 7 inventories as provided in section 352.4 and its county land
 8 preservation and use plan as provided in section 352.5. The
 9 department of agriculture and land stewardship, department of
 10 management, department of natural resources, Iowa state
 11 university agricultural extension service, and the department
 12 of economic development shall, upon request, provide to each
 13 county commission any pertinent land use information required
 14 to carry out this section. A commission may request relevant
 15 information from the United States geological survey. Each
 16 commission shall submit a report to its county board of
 17 supervisors not later than March 1, 1998. The report shall
 18 provide recommendations regarding methods to provide for the
 19 continued viability of agricultural land, and methods to
 20 minimize the impact of development activities.

21 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
 22 general fund of the state to the treasurer of state for the
 23 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998,
 24 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
 25 be used for the purpose designated:

26 For allocating an equal dollar amount to each county in
 27 order to support the efforts of each county's land
 28 preservation and use commission in conducting a study
 29 regarding the conversion of agricultural land to nonfarm uses,
 30 and in updating its county use inventories, as provided in
 31 this Act:

32 \$ 50,000

33 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
 34 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

35 EXPLANATION

1 The bill provides that each county land preservation and use
2 commission shall conduct a study regarding the conversion of
3 agricultural land to nonfarm uses, including but not limited
4 to urban development. The bill provides that the commission
5 may update its county use inventories as provided in section
6 352.4 and its county land preservation and use plan as
7 provided in section 352.5. The bill requires the department
8 of agriculture and land stewardship, department of management,
9 department of natural resources, Iowa state university
10 agricultural extension service, and the department of economic
11 development to provide requesting commissions with available
12 land use information. A commission may request relevant
13 information from the United States geological survey. A
14 commission must submit a report to its county board of
15 supervisors not later than March 1, 1998. The bill provides
16 that the report must provide recommendations regarding methods
17 to provide for the continued viability of agricultural land,
18 and methods to minimize the impact of development activities.
19 The bill appropriates \$50,000 to the treasurer of state for
20 purposes of allocating the moneys equally among the counties
21 to support efforts to conduct the study and update the
22 inventories.

23 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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