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Agriculture

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the membership of the advisory board to the
2 Leopold center for sustainable agriculture.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 266.39, subsection 3, Code 1999, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
3 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. Four persons actively engaged in
4 agriculture who are appointed by the titular head of each of
5 the following agricultural organizations:

- 6 (1) The Iowa farm bureau federation.
- 7 (2) The Iowa farmers union.
- 8 (3) The practical farmers of Iowa.
- 9 (4) The agribusiness association of Iowa.

10 Sec. 2. Section 266.39, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph
11 2, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

12 The terms of the members shall begin and end as provided in
13 section 69.19 and any vacancy shall be filled by the original
14 appointing authority. The terms shall be for four years and
15 shall be staggered as determined by the president of Iowa
16 state university of science and technology. The members
17 appointed by the titular heads of agricultural organizations
18 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred
19 while engaged in their official duties, but shall not be
20 entitled to per diem compensation as authorized under section
21 7E.6.

22 EXPLANATION

23 Code section 266.39 establishes the Leopold center for
24 sustainable agriculture in the Iowa agricultural and home
25 economics experiment station at Iowa state university of
26 science and technology. The center is responsible for
27 conducting and sponsoring research to identify and reduce
28 negative environmental and socioeconomic impacts of
29 agricultural practices. The Code section also establishes an
30 advisory board responsible for advising the center's director
31 in the development of a budget and on the policies and
32 procedures of the center. This bill increases the membership
33 of the board to include representatives of agricultural
34 organizations. The bill provides for compensating the
35 members.