

House Study Bill 75

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section 8.57, subsection 5, paragraph e, Code
1 2 1999, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 e. Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in sections
1 4 99D.17 and 99F.11, for

~~the~~
~~each~~ fiscal

~~years beginning July 1,~~

~~1995,~~
1 5

~~and July 1, 1996,~~
~~year~~ not more than a total of sixty
1 6 million dollars

~~; and for each fiscal year thereafter;~~

~~shall be~~
1 7 deposited in the general fund of the state

~~in any fiscal year~~

1 8 pursuant to sections 99D.17 and 99F.11 and ten million dollars
1 9 shall be deposited in the community attraction and tourism
1 10 development fund established in section 15.372. The total
1 11 moneys in excess of the moneys deposited in the general fund
1 12 and in the community attraction and tourism development fund
1 13 in a fiscal year shall be deposited in the infrastructure fund
1 14 and shall be used as provided in this section, notwithstanding
1 15 section 8.60.

1 16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 15.371 COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND
1 17 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

1 18 1. The department shall establish and administer a
1 19 community attraction and tourism development program to assist
1 20 communities in the development and creation of multiple
1 21 purpose attraction and tourism facilities and to further the
1 22 development of marketing efforts and promotion of existing
1 23 Iowa tourism attractions and events.

1 24 2. Only a political subdivision of the state may submit an
1 25 application to the department for financial assistance for a
1 26 project under the program. The assistance shall be in the
1 27 form of grants, loans, forgivable loans, and loan guarantees.
1 28 The application shall include, but not be limited to, the
1 29 following information:

1 30 a. The total capital investment of the project.

1 31 b. The amount or percentage of local and private matching
1 32 moneys which will be provided for the project.

1 33 c. The total number of jobs to be created or retained by
1 34 the project.

1 35 d. The need of the community for the project and the
2 1 financial assistance.

2 2 e. The long-term tax generating impact of the project.

2 3 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 15.372 COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND
2 4 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND.

2 5 1. The department may establish a community attraction and
2 6 tourism development fund consisting of any moneys appropriated

2 7 by the general assembly for that purpose and any other moneys
2 8 available to and obtained or accepted by the department for
2 9 placement in the fund.

2 10 2. Payments of interest, repayments of moneys loaned
2 11 pursuant to this division, and recaptures of awards shall be
2 12 deposited in the fund.

2 13 3. The fund may be used for any of the following purposes:

2 14 a. To provide grants, loans, forgivable loans, and loan
2 15 guarantees under the community attraction and tourism
2 16 development program established in section 15.371.

2 17 b. To provide for tourism advertising and community
2 18 attraction and tourism development program marketing and
2 19 administrative costs. In order to determine the marketing
2 20 allocation, at the beginning of each fiscal year, the
2 21 department shall determine the current average regional
2 22 tourism advertising budget of contiguous states. The
2 23 allocation of marketing expenditures under this paragraph
2 24 shall be equivalent to the average regional state tourism
2 25 advertising budget minus the current tourism advertising
2 26 placement budget of the department.

2 27 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 15.373 COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND
2 28 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE APPLICATION
2 29 REVIEW.

2 30 1. A community attraction and tourism development program
2 31 review committee is established consisting of ten members.
2 32 The director shall appoint three members from the travel
2 33 federation of Iowa representing three tourism regions, two
2 34 members from gaming facilities representing riverboats and
2 35 race tracks, one member from an association with expertise in
3 1 the vertical infrastructure industry, and one member of the
3 2 Iowa economic development board. The remaining three members
3 3 shall consist of one member appointed by the administrator of
3 4 the parks and preserves division of the department of natural
3 5 resources, one member appointed by the administrator of the
3 6 historical division of the department of cultural affairs, and
3 7 one member appointed by the director of transportation.

3 8 2. The community attraction and tourism development
3 9 program review committee shall review applications for
3 10 community attraction and tourism development fund assistance
3 11 and make recommendations to the department regarding the
3 12 applications. Upon review of the recommendations of the
3 13 committee, the department shall approve, defer, or deny the
3 14 application.

3 15 3. When reviewing the applications, the community
3 16 attraction and tourism development program review committee
3 17 and the department shall consider, at a minimum, all of the
3 18 following:

3 19 a. Whether the wages, benefits, including health benefits,
3 20 safety, and other attributes of the project would improve the
3 21 quality of attraction and tourism employment in the community.

3 22 b. The extent to which such a project would generate
3 23 additional attraction and tourism opportunities.

3 24 c. The ability of the project to produce a long-term tax
3 25 generating economic impact.

3 26 Sec. 5. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
3 27 takes effect upon enactment.

3 28 EXPLANATION

3 29 This bill establishes the community attraction and tourism
3 30 development program. The bill provides that the program will
3 31 assist communities in the development and creation of multiple
3 32 purpose attraction and tourism facilities and to further the
3 33 development of marketing efforts and promotion of existing
3 34 Iowa tourism attractions and events. Only a political
3 35 subdivision of the state may submit an application for
4 1 financial assistance under the program. The bill provides
4 2 that all applications are initially reviewed by the 10-member
4 3 community attraction and tourism development program review

4 4 committee. After reviewing the recommendations by the
4 5 committee, the department is required to approve, defer, or
4 6 deny the application. The bill provides that criteria which
4 7 are to be considered in reviewing the application include the
4 8 projected employment impact of the project, the projected
4 9 attraction and tourism opportunities generated by the project,
4 10 and the projected economic impact of the project.

4 11 The bill also establishes the community attraction and
4 12 tourism development fund. The bill provides that the fund is
4 13 to be used for funding projects under the community attraction
4 14 and tourism development program and for tourism advertising
4 15 and community attraction and tourism development program
4 16 marketing and administrative costs. The bill provides that
4 17 \$10 million shall be appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
4 18 infrastructure fund each fiscal year.

4 19 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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