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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the senior conservation and outdoor
2 recreation employment program under the administration of the
3 department of workforce development.

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

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SF 142 NAT. RES. & ENVIRONMENT

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 84A.10 SENIOR CONSERVATION AND
2 OUTDOOR RECREATION EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

3 1. Subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds by the
4 general assembly, the senior conservation and outdoor
5 recreation employment program is established for the
6 employment of individuals age sixty years or older by county
7 conservation boards to further conservation efforts, enhance
8 this state's natural resources, and assist environmental
9 education and outdoor recreation programs.

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

16 3. Funds appropriated by the general assembly for each
17 fiscal year for purposes of this section shall be allocated as
18 follows:

19 a. Fifty percent of the moneys appropriated shall be
20 allocated to this state's county conservation boards and
21 distributed on a per capita basis.

22 b. Fifty percent of the moneys appropriated shall be
23 awarded on a competitive grant basis. A county conservation
24 board may apply to the department for a competitive grant on
25 forms provided by the department. The completed application
26 shall be accompanied by a plan for the employment of persons
27 age sixty years or older in meaningful and productive public
28 service jobs developed by the county conservation board. A
29 county conservation board submitting an application for a
30 competitive grant under this section shall agree to pay each
31 individual employed under a senior conservation and outdoor
32 recreation employment program implemented by the county
33 conservation board a wage that meets or exceeds the state or
34 federal minimum wage, whichever is greater. A county applying
35 for a grant under this section is encouraged to seek

1 additional assistance and resources from other state
2 departments and agencies, federal agencies and grant programs,
3 private organizations, and any other person, as appropriate,
4 in order to match state funds received under this section.

5 EXPLANATION

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

13 The department of workforce development is responsible for
14 administering the program and for establishing eligibility
15 guidelines for county participation and grant criteria.

16 Fifty percent of any funds appropriated by the general
17 assembly shall be allocated to county conservation boards on a
18 per capita basis, and 50 percent on a competitive grant basis.

19 A county conservation board applying for a competitive
20 grant must submit to the department a plan for the employment
21 of persons age 60 years or older in meaningful and productive
22 public service jobs and must agree to pay each person employed
23 under the program a wage that meets or exceeds the state or
24 federal minimum wage, whichever is greater.

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