

SENATE FILE **312**  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 142)

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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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**S-3062**

1 Amend Senate File 312 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 17 through 22, and  
3 inserting the following: "fiscal year for purposes of  
4 this section shall be".

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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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