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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the community attraction and tourism
2 development program and fund, 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 8.57, subsection 5, paragraph e, Code
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in sections
4 99D.17 and 99F.11, for the each fiscal years-beginning-July-1,
5 1995, and July 1, 1996, year not more than a total of sixty
6 million dollars, ~~and for each fiscal year thereafter,~~ shall be
7 deposited in the general fund of the state ~~in any fiscal year~~
8 pursuant to sections 99D.17 and 99F.11 and ten million dollars
9 shall be deposited in the community attraction and tourism
10 development fund established in section 15.372. The total
11 moneys in excess of the moneys deposited in the general fund
12 and in the community attraction and tourism development fund
13 in a fiscal year shall be deposited in the infrastructure fund
14 and shall be used as provided in this section, notwithstanding
15 section 8.60.

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

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

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

- 30 a. The total capital investment of the project.
- 31 b. The amount or percentage of local and private matching
32 moneys which will be provided for the project.
- 33 c. The total number of jobs to be created or retained by
34 the project.
- 35 d. The need of the community for the project and the

1 financial assistance.

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

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

5 1. The department may establish a community attraction and
6 tourism development fund consisting of any moneys appropriated
7 by the general assembly for that purpose and any other moneys
8 available to and obtained or accepted by the department for
9 placement in the fund.

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

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

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

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

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

30 1. A community attraction and tourism development program
31 review committee is established consisting of ten members.
32 The director shall appoint three members from the travel
33 federation of Iowa representing three tourism regions, two
34 members from gaming facilities representing riverboats and
35 race tracks, one member from an association with expertise in

1 the vertical infrastructure industry, and one member of the
2 Iowa economic development board. The remaining three members
3 shall consist of one member appointed by the administrator of
4 the parks and preserves division of the department of natural
5 resources, one member appointed by the administrator of the
6 historical division of the department of cultural affairs, and
7 one member appointed by the director of transportation.

8 2. The community attraction and tourism development
9 program review committee shall review applications for
10 community attraction and tourism development fund assistance
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12 applications. Upon review of the recommendations of the
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14 application.

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21 quality of attraction and tourism employment in the community.

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23 additional attraction and tourism opportunities.

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25 generating economic impact.

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

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill establishes the community attraction and tourism
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TO: General Assembly
FROM: Kim Statler, IDED Legislative Liaison
DATE: November 30, 1998
RE: Community Attraction and Tourism Development Program

Community Attraction and Tourism Development Program

Prior to the last legislative session, the Recreation Summit was held to develop a plan to look at increasing the number of tourism attractions in Iowa, as well as improving our existing recreation opportunities. Several recommendations were made to the Legislature, including a larger commitment by the state to develop sites. During the final days of session, a proposal emerged to create a competitive funding process for communities to partner with the State of Iowa, to create more attractions in this state. As a result of those discussions and many meetings with the Travel Federation of Iowa, the proposed legislation creates the Community Attraction and Tourism Development Program.

The Community Attraction and Tourism Development Fund will be a \$10M fund used to partner with communities to establish more tourism attractions for Iowans, as well as travelers coming into the state. The first \$1.7 million of the fund balance will be used for tourism advertising to bring the state's advertising budget up to the regional average. The remaining fund dollars may be distributed in the form of a loan, forgivable loan, grant, or loan guarantee. Applicants will be required to demonstrate community commitment to the project, as well as the return on investment to the state and the community. Applications will be reviewed by a review and selection committee created in the legislation, with final approval by the IDED director.

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