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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the demonstration of best management  
2 practices to assist livestock producers in storing,  
3 transporting, and applying manure.

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

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AGRICULTURE

1 Section 1. Section 266.39, subsection 2, Code 1999, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The Leopold center for sustainable agriculture is  
4 established in the Iowa agricultural and home economics  
5 experiment station at Iowa state university of science and  
6 technology. The center shall conduct do all of the following:

7 a. Conduct and sponsor research to identify and reduce  
8 negative environmental and socio-economic impacts of  
9 agricultural practices. ~~The center also shall research~~

10 b. Research and assist in developing emerging alternative  
11 practices that are consistent with a sustainable agriculture.

12 c. Conduct projects that demonstrate best management  
13 practices to assist livestock producers in storing,  
14 transporting, and applying manure, including manure  
15 originating from confinement feeding operations as defined in  
16 section 455B.161. The center shall demonstrate sustainable,  
17 practical, and affordable methods and technologies in order to  
18 effectively protect the natural environment, control noxious  
19 gases, and reduce odor.

20 2A. The center shall develop in association with the Iowa  
21 cooperative extension service in agriculture and home  
22 economics an educational framework to inform the agricultural  
23 community and the general public of its research findings and  
24 demonstrations.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill amends Code section 266.39 which establishes the  
27 Leopold center for sustainable agriculture. The bill requires  
28 the center to conduct projects that demonstrate best  
29 management practices to assist livestock producers in storing,  
30 transporting, and applying manure, including manure  
31 originating from confinement feeding operations. The center  
32 is required to demonstrate sustainable, practical, and  
33 affordable methods and technologies in order to effectively  
34 protect the natural environment, control noxious gases, and  
35 reduce odor.