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BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
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(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2294)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to financial assistance for preliminary
2 engineering studies for alternative wastewater treatment and
3 disposal systems and making an appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

HF 2537

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1 Section 1. Section 455B.173, Code 2001, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Adopt rules relating to the awarding
4 of financial assistance pursuant to section 455B.196.

5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 455B.196 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
6 ASSISTANCE FUND.

7 1. A preliminary engineering assistance fund is created in
8 the state treasury under the control of the department and
9 consisting of any moneys appropriated by the general assembly
10 and any other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by
11 the department for placement in the fund. Payments of
12 interest, repayments of moneys loaned pursuant to this
13 section, and recaptures of loans shall be deposited in the
14 fund. Moneys in the fund are not subject to section 8.33.
15 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys
16 in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

17 2. Moneys in the preliminary engineering assistance fund
18 are appropriated to the department for purposes of providing
19 financial assistance to communities in the form of grants,
20 loans, forgivable loans, loan guarantees, and other forms of
21 assistance to aid the communities in the financing of a
22 preliminary engineering study to explore alternative
23 wastewater treatment and disposal systems for the applicant
24 community.

25 3. In order to qualify to apply for financial assistance,
26 an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

27 a. The applicant must be a city with a population of less
28 than five hundred or an unincorporated community with a
29 population of less than five hundred.

30 b. The applicant must have either an inadequate
31 centralized waste collection and treatment system or
32 collection of private waste collection systems that may be
33 inadequate to meet the needs of the applicant community.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill relates to financial assistance for preliminary

1 engineering studies for alternative wastewater treatment and
2 disposal systems.

3 The bill creates a preliminary engineering assistance fund
4 under the control of the department of natural resources. The
5 bill provides that moneys in the preliminary engineering
6 assistance fund are appropriated to the department for
7 purposes of providing financial assistance to certain
8 qualifying communities for preliminary engineering studies to
9 explore alternative wastewater treatment and disposal systems
10 for the applicant community. The bill provides that, in order
11 to qualify to apply for financial assistance, an applicant
12 must either be a city with a population of less than 500 or an
13 unincorporated community with a population of less than 500
14 and the applicant must have either an inadequate centralized
15 waste collection and treatment system or collection of private
16 waste collection systems that may be inadequate to meet the
17 needs of the applicant community.