

# House Study Bill 575

## Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [266.39C](#), subsection 3, Code 2001, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 3. Iowa state university of science and technology shall  
1 4 employ a director for the center, who shall be appointed by  
1 5 the president of Iowa state university of science and  
1 6 technology. The director of the center shall employ necessary  
1 7 research and support staff. The director and staff shall be  
1 8 employees of Iowa state university of science and technology.  
1 9 No more than seven hundred thousand dollars of the funds made  
1 10 available by appropriation from state revenues in any one year  
1 11 shall be expended by the center for the salaries and benefits  
1 12 of the employees of the center, including the salary and  
1 13 benefits of the director. The limit on expenditures for  
1 14 salaries and benefits shall be adjusted annually by a  
1 15 percentage equal to the average percentage salary adjustment  
1 16 approved annually by the state board of regents for  
1 17 professional and scientific employees at Iowa state university  
1 18 of science and technology. The remainder of the funds  
1 19 appropriated from state funds shall be used to sponsor  
1 20 research grants and projects submitted on a competitive basis  
1 21 by Iowa colleges and universities and private nonprofit  
1 22 agencies and foundations. The center may also solicit  
1 23 additional grants and funding from public and private  
1 24 nonprofit agencies and foundations.

1 25 The director shall prepare an annual report.

1 26 Sec. 2. Section [266.39C](#), subsection 6, Code 2001, is  
1 27 amended by striking the subsection.

1 28 Sec. 3. Section [476.10A](#), Code 2001, is amended to read as  
1 29 follows:

1 30 476.10A FUNDING FOR IOWA ENERGY CENTER AND CENTER FOR  
1 31 GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH.

1 32 1. a. The board shall direct all gas and electric  
1 33 utilities to remit to the treasurer of state one-tenth of one  
1 34 percent of the total gross operating revenues during the last  
1 35 calendar year derived from their intrastate public utility  
2 1 operations. The board shall by rule provide a schedule for  
2 2 remittances

~~which shall require that the first remittance be~~

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~~made not before July 1, 1991~~

2 4 b. The amounts collected pursuant to this section shall be  
2 5 in addition to the amounts permitted to be assessed pursuant  
2 6 to section 476.10. The board shall allow inclusion of these  
2 7 amounts in the budgets approved by the board pursuant to  
2 8 section 476.6, subsection 19, paragraph "c".

2 9 c. (1) Eighty-five percent of the remittances collected  
2 10 pursuant to this section is appropriated to the Iowa energy  
2 11 center created in section 266.39C.

2 12 (2) Fifteen percent of the remittances collected pursuant  
2 13 to this section is appropriated to the center for global and  
2 14 regional environmental research established by the state board  
2 15 of regents.

2 16 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any unexpended moneys  
2 17 remitted to the treasurer of state under this section shall be  
2 18 retained for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding section  
2 19 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on investments or  
2 20 time deposits of the moneys remitted under this section shall  
2 21 be retained and used for the purposes designated, pursuant to  
2 22 section 476.46.  
2 23 3. The Iowa energy center and the center for global and  
2 24 regional environmental research shall each provide a written  
2 25 annual report to the utilities board

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- that describes each

2 26 center's activities and the results that each center has  
2 27 accomplished. Each report shall include an explanation of  
2 28 initiatives and projects of importance to the state of Iowa.  
2 29 Sec. 4. Section 476.46, subsection 2, Code 2001, is  
2 30 amended to read as follows:  
2 31 2. a. An alternate energy revolving loan fund is created  
2 32 in the office of the treasurer of state to be administered by  
2 33 the Iowa energy center.  
2 34 b. The fund shall include moneys remitted to the fund  
2 35 pursuant to subsection 3 and any other moneys appropriated or  
3 1 otherwise directed to the fund.  
3 2 c. Moneys in the fund shall be used to provide loans for  
3 3 the construction of alternate energy production facilities or  
3 4 small hydro facilities as defined in section 476.42.  
3 5 d. (1) A gas or electric utility

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- that is not

3 6 required to be rate-regulated shall not be eligible for a loan  
3 7 under this section.  
3 8 (2) A facility shall be eligible for no more than two  
3 9 hundred fifty thousand dollars in loans outstanding at any  
3 10 time under this program.  
3 11 e. (1) Each loan shall be for a period not to exceed  
3 12 twenty years, shall bear no interest, and shall be repayable  
3 13 to the fund created under this section in installments as  
3 14 determined by the Iowa energy center. The interest rate upon  
3 15 delinquent payments shall accelerate immediately to the  
3 16 current legal usury limit.  
3 17 (2) Any loan made pursuant to this program shall become  
3 18 due for payment upon sale of the facility for which the loan  
3 19 was made.  
3 20 (3) Interest on the fund shall be deposited in the fund.  
3 21 A portion of the interest on the fund, not to exceed fifty  
3 22 percent of the total interest accrued, shall be used for  
3 23 promotion and administration of the fund.  
3 24 f. Section 8.33 shall not apply to the moneys in the fund.

#### EXPLANATION

3 26 This bill amends Code sections in Code chapters 266 and 476  
3 27 that relate to the Iowa energy center.  
3 28 The bill amends Code section 266.39C to provide that the  
3 29 current \$700,000 limit on salary expenditures for the Iowa  
3 30 energy center shall be adjusted annually according to the  
3 31 salary adjustment approved by the state board of regents for  
3 32 professional and scientific employees at Iowa state university  
3 33 of science and technology.  
3 34 The bill amends Code section 476.46, relating to the  
3 35 alternate energy revolving fund, to provide that up to 50  
4 1 percent of the interest earned on the fund shall be used for  
4 2 promotion and administration of the fund. Related changes are  
4 3 made to language in Code section 476.10A. Both of those  
4 4 provisions are also subdivided into subsections, paragraphs,  
4 5 and subparagraphs, and other grammatical changes have been  
4 6 made, and date provisions have been removed and language

4 7 updated.

4 8 The bill also deletes Code section 266.39C, subsection 6,  
4 9 which relates to a study and report on rural rail feasibility  
4 10 that was completed in 1992.

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