

House File 389 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation to the department of agriculture
2 and land stewardship for purposes of providing a grant to
3 assist farmers with disabilities and their families.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 2092YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 259.10 FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES
1 2 == FEDERAL REPLACEMENT FUNDS.
1 3 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
1 4 the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
1 5 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and each subsequent fiscal
1 6 year thereafter the amount of one hundred thirty thousand
1 7 dollars, to be used for a grant to a national nonprofit
1 8 organization with over eighty years of experience in assisting
1 9 children and adults with disabilities and special needs and
1 10 their families through services that include medical
1 11 rehabilitation, job training and employment services, child
1 12 care, adult day services, and camping and recreation. The
1 13 appropriation replaces expired federal funding for a
1 14 nationally recognized program that has been replicated in at
1 15 least thirty other states, but which is not available through
1 16 any other entity in this state, that provides assistance to
1 17 farmers with disabilities in all ninety-nine counties to allow
1 18 the farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully
1 19 engaged in farming through provision of agricultural worksite
1 20 and home modification consultations, peer support services,
1 21 services to families, information and referral, and equipment
1 22 loan services.

EXPLANATION

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1 24 This bill creates a standing appropriation of \$130,000 from
1 25 the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture
1 26 and land stewardship beginning July 1, 2007, and each fiscal
1 27 year thereafter for a grant to a nonprofit organization to
1 28 replace expired federal funding for a nationally recognized
1 29 program to allow farmers with disabilities to remain in their
1 30 homes and be gainfully engaged in farming.
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