

# House File 626 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to annual water quality assessments.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
3 TLSB 1373YH 82  
4 tm/es/88

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1 1 Section 1. Section 455B.174, Code 2007, is amended by  
1 2 adding the following new subsection:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Annually conduct an assessment of  
1 4 water quality of the major waters of the state in each county,  
1 5 as determined by the department. The department shall compile  
1 6 data to make annual comparisons to determine trends in water  
1 7 quality in each county. In developing a methodology for  
1 8 annual assessments, the department shall enter into contracts  
1 9 with entities in each county for purposes of conducting the  
1 10 assessments.

### EXPLANATION

1 11 This bill relates to annual water quality assessments.  
1 12 The bill requires the director of the department of natural  
1 13 resources to annually conduct an assessment of water quality  
1 14 of the major waters of the state in each county, as determined  
1 15 by the department. The bill requires the department to  
1 16 compile data to make annual comparisons to determine trends in  
1 17 water quality in each county. The bill requires the  
1 18 department to enter into contracts with entities in each  
1 19 county for purposes of conducting the assessments.  
1 20 LSB 1373YH 82  
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