

Senate File 2254 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO LSB 6197HH
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to community attraction and tourism by allocating
2 funds to the creation of water trails and parks.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6197SS 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 15F.204, subsections 5, 6, and 7, Code
1 2 2007, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 5. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall
1 4 allocate all moneys in the fund in the following manner:
1 5 a. Up to four million dollars shall be allocated to
1 6 provide assistance to cities and counties for the development
1 7 of water trails and parks on the rivers and streams of the
1 8 state. The department shall coordinate efforts with the
1 9 department of natural resources to identify the most suitable
1 10 sites and assist in the creation and promotion of water trails
1 11 and parks. At the end of a fiscal year, any moneys allocated
1 12 pursuant to this paragraph which remain unexpended shall
1 13 remain in the fund and may be allocated for any use pursuant
1 14 to this subsection.
1 15 ~~a.~~ b. One-third of the remaining moneys shall be allocated
1 16 to provide assistance to cities and counties which meet the
1 17 following criteria:
1 18 (1) A city which has a population of ten thousand or less
1 19 according to the most recently published census.
1 20 (2) A county which has a population that ranks in the
1 21 bottom thirty=three counties according to the most recently
1 22 published census.
1 23 ~~b.~~ c. Two-thirds of the remaining moneys shall be
1 24 allocated to provide assistance to any city and county in the
1 25 state, which may include a city or county included under
1 26 paragraph "a" "b".
1 27 6. If two or more cities or counties submit a joint
1 28 project application for financial assistance under the
1 29 program, all joint applicants must meet the criteria of
1 30 subsection 5, paragraph "a" "b", in order to receive any
1 31 moneys allocated under that paragraph.
1 32 7. If any portion of the allocated moneys under subsection
1 33 5, paragraph "a" "b", has not been awarded by April 1 of the
1 34 fiscal year for which the allocation is made, the portion
1 35 which has not been awarded may be utilized by the board to
2 1 provide financial assistance under the program to any city or
2 2 county in the state.

EXPLANATION

2 4 This bill relates to the awarding of financial assistance
2 5 to cities and counties from the community attraction and
2 6 tourism fund for water trails. Water trails and parks are a
2 7 dedicated recreational use of rivers and streams for outdoor
2 8 enjoyment and tourism purposes.
2 9 The bill allocates up to \$4 million annually from the
2 10 community attraction and tourism fund for the creation of
2 11 water trails and parks.
2 12 The bill directs the department of economic development to
2 13 work with the department of natural resources to identify,
2 14 help create, and promote the trails.
2 15 LSB 6197SS 82
2 16 tw/nh/8.1