HOUSE FILE _____ BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON REBUILD IOWA AND DISASTER RECOVERY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON SCHUELLER)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the award of local watershed improvement 2 grants.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 4 TLSB 1140HC 83

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1 Section 1. Section 466A.3, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 1 1 2 2009, is amended to read as follows: a. Award local watershed improvement grants and monitor 1 3 4 the progress of local watershed improvement projects awarded 1 5 grants. A local watershed improvement grant may be awarded 6 for $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ an original period not to exceed three five years. 1 1 7 However, during those five years, the board may extend the 8 period of the award for up to five additional years after the 9 date that the original period would have ended. Each local 1 1 10 watershed improvement grant awarded shall not exceed ten 1 11 percent of the moneys appropriated for the grants during a 1 12 fiscal year. 1 13 EXPLANATION 1 14 This bill amends Code chapter 466A, which provides for a 1 15 watershed improvement fund to enhance water quality in the 1 16 state through a variety of impairment=based, locally directed 1 17 watershed improvement grant projects (Code section 466A.2). 1 18 The fund is administered by a watershed improvement review 1 19 board, which awards grants to support local watershed 1 20 improvement projects. 1 21 The bill increases the period of use for such awards from 1 22 three to five years and provides that during those five years, 1 23 the board may extend the period of use for an additional five 1 24 years. 1 25 LSB 1140HC 83 1 26 da/rj/8