

Senate Study Bill 3061 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BLACK)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to beautification grants to be awarded from the
2 solid waste account of the groundwater protection fund.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), Code Supplement 2009, is amended by adding
3 the following new subparagraph division:

4 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (Oa) (i) Not more than four
5 hundred thousand dollars to the department for purposes of
6 awarding a beautification grant each year to one organization
7 that does all of the following:

8 (A) Assists communities and organizations in cleanup and
9 beautification projects.

10 (B) Conducts research to assist in the understanding of
11 reasons for littering and illegal dumping.

12 (C) Administers antilittering and beautification education
13 programs.

14 (D) Increases public awareness of the costs of littering.

15 (ii) The grant recipient shall do all of the following:

16 (A) Expend not more than one hundred thousand dollars for a
17 public education and awareness initiative designed to reduce
18 litter and illegal dumping.

19 (B) Expend not more than one hundred thousand dollars for
20 all of the following:

21 (I) An educational initiative designed to discourage
22 littering and illegal dumping for persons attending school in
23 kindergarten through grade twelve.

24 (II) A litter-free schools initiative.

25 (III) A neighborhood beautification initiative.

26 (C) Expend not more than one hundred thousand dollars for an
27 illegal dumping surveillance program.

28 (D) Expend not more than one hundred thousand dollars for
29 a community partnership program designed to support community
30 beautification projects.

31 (iii) As a condition of the grant award each year, the
32 department shall require the grant recipient to submit a
33 written report to the department by the end of the fiscal year
34 for which the grant is awarded. In addition to any other
35 information required by the department, the report shall

1 include information detailing the expenditure of all moneys
2 received by the organization and the results achieved through
3 the expenditure of the money.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill relates to beautification grants.

6 The bill annually allocates \$400,000 from the solid waste
7 account of the groundwater protection fund to the department
8 of natural resources for purposes of a beautification grant to
9 be awarded to one organization.

10 The bill provides criteria for determining the grant
11 recipient.

12 The bill requires the grant recipient to use grant moneys
13 for a public education and awareness initiative designed to
14 reduce litter and illegal dumping, an educational initiative
15 designed to discourage littering and illegal dumping for
16 persons attending school in kindergarten through grade 12, a
17 litter-free schools initiative, a neighborhood beautification
18 initiative, an illegal dumping surveillance program, and a
19 community partnership program designed to support community
20 beautification projects.

21 The bill includes a reporting requirement for grant
22 recipients.