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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the allocation of moneys appropriated to
2 the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 ~~Twenty-eight~~ Twenty percent shall be allocated to the open
5 spaces account. At least ten percent of the allocations to
6 the account shall be made available to match private funds for
7 open space projects on the cost-share basis of not less than
8 twenty-five percent private funds pursuant to the rules adopted
9 by the natural resource commission. Five percent of the funds
10 allocated to the open spaces account shall be used to fund the
11 protected waters program. This account shall be used by the
12 department to implement the statewide open space acquisition,
13 protection, and development programs.

14 Sec. 2. Section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
15 2011, is amended to read as follows:

16 e. ~~Nine~~ Seventeen percent shall be allocated to the state
17 land management account. The department shall use the moneys
18 allocated to this account for maintenance and expansion of
19 state lands and related facilities under its jurisdiction.
20 The authority to expand state lands and facilities under this
21 paragraph is limited to expansion of the state lands and
22 facilities already owned by the state. There is appropriated
23 from the state land management account to the department the
24 moneys in that account, or so much thereof as is necessary,
25 to implement a maintenance and expansion program for state
26 lands and related facilities under the jurisdiction of the
27 department.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill changes the annual allocation of moneys
30 appropriated from the Iowa resources enhancement and protection
31 fund to various accounts and other funds. The fund is
32 appropriated \$20 million per year from the general fund until
33 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The bill decreases
34 the amount allocated to the open spaces account from 28 to
35 20 percent and increases the amount allocated to the state

1 land management account from 9 to 17 percent. The open spaces
2 account is used by the department of natural resources to
3 implement statewide open space acquisition, protection, and
4 development programs. The state land management account is
5 used by the department for the maintenance and expansion of
6 state lands and related facilities.

7 Currently the Iowa resources enhancement and protection
8 fund allocates 28 percent to the open spaces account, 20
9 percent to the county conservation account, 20 percent to the
10 soil and water enhancement account, 15 percent to the cities'
11 parks and open space account, 9 percent to the state land
12 management account, 5 percent to the historical resource grant
13 and loan fund, and 3 percent to the living roadway account for
14 distribution to the living roadway trust fund.