

**House File 2186 - Introduced**

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BY WILLS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act authorizing the department of agriculture and land  
2 stewardship's division of soil conservation and water  
3 quality to support privately sponsored innovative water  
4 quality practices.

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

1 Section 1. Section 466B.42, Code 2016, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **466B.42 Water quality initiative.**

4 The division shall establish a water quality initiative  
5 in order to assess and reduce nutrients in this state's  
6 watersheds, including subwatersheds, and regional watersheds.  
7 The division shall establish and administer projects to  
8 reduce nutrients in surface waters from nonpoint sources in  
9 a scientific, reasonable, and cost-effective manner. The  
10 division may establish projects and award project grants to  
11 support privately sponsored innovative water quality practices,  
12 including new methods to reduce the transport of nutrients  
13 to surface water from nonpoint sources within watersheds in  
14 accordance with the latest revision of the document entitled  
15 "Iowa nutrient reduction strategy" initially presented in  
16 November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land  
17 stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa  
18 state university of science and technology. The division shall  
19 utilize a pragmatic, strategic, and coordinated approach with  
20 the goal of accomplishing reductions over time.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill authorizes the division of soil conservation  
25 and water conservation of the department of agriculture and  
26 land stewardship to establish projects and award project  
27 grants to support privately sponsored innovative water quality  
28 practices, including new methods to reduce the transport of  
29 nutrients to surface water from nonpoint sources. The division  
30 would administer the grant project as part of the state's  
31 water quality initiative. The division supports initiative  
32 projects by using moneys appropriated to the water quality  
33 initiative fund (Code section 466B.45). Moneys in the fund  
34 are used to finance projects in subwatersheds that are part  
35 of high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources

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1 coordinating council (2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, sections 8  
2 and 31).