

House File 2187 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that state efforts to reduce nutrient loads in
2 surface waters be customized based on a watershed's unique
3 characteristics.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **466B.4A Customized initiatives.**

2 Any initiative, including but not limited to a plan,
3 project, practice, or program, established or administered
4 under this chapter to reduce measurable contributing nutrient
5 loads to a receiving surface water of a watershed shall
6 take into account the watershed's topography, soils, types
7 of surface waters, farming practices, land uses, types of
8 contributing nutrients, and other relevant characteristics of
9 the watershed.

10 EXPLANATION

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

13 BILL'S PROVISIONS. This bill provides that any initiative
14 established or administered under Code chapter 466B to reduce
15 measurable contributing nutrient loads to a receiving surface
16 water of a watershed must take into account the watershed's
17 physical characteristics and uses.

18 GENERAL. Code chapter 466B, the "Surface Water Protection
19 and Flood Mitigation Act", includes a number of Code sections
20 that provide for the improvement of surface water quality,
21 including efforts to assess and reduce nutrients in this
22 state's watersheds as established or administered by the
23 department of natural resources, the department of agriculture
24 and land stewardship, the water resources coordinating council,
25 a watershed planning advisory council, the Iowa nutrient
26 research center, the Iowa nutrient research center advisory
27 council, local communities, and political subdivisions.