

**House File 2454 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO LSB 5011JB)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state  
2 government entities involved with agriculture, natural  
3 resources, and environmental protection, and including  
4 effective date provisions.

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

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DIVISION I  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017

Section 1. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 24, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 24. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
..... \$ ~~8,827,746~~  
17,655,492  
..... FTEs 372.00

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and technology, to be used for the university's midwest grape and wine industry institute:

..... \$ ~~144,000~~  
288,000

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

1 Sec. 2. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 25, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 SEC. 25. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS —  
4 HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys  
5 available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture  
6 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
7 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so  
8 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
9 designated:

10	<u>1.</u> For purposes of supporting the department's	
11	administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law	
12	pursuant to <a href="#">section 99D.22</a> , including for salaries, support,	
13	maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:	
14	.....	\$ 152,758
15		<u>295,516</u>

16	<u>2.</u> For allocation to the Iowa junior angus association in	
17	<u>connection with the 2016 national junior angus show:</u>	
18	.....	\$ 10,000

19 Sec. 3. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 26, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 SEC. 26. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL  
22 INSPECTION.

23 1. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel  
24 infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the  
25 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal  
26 year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the  
27 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
28 used for the purposes designated:

29	For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including	
30	salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:	
31	.....	\$ <del>250,000</del>
32		<u>500,000</u>

33 2. The department shall establish and administer programs  
34 for the auditing of motor fuel including biofuel processing  
35 and production plants, for screening and testing motor fuel,

1 including renewable fuel, and for the inspection of motor fuel  
2 sold by dealers including retail dealers who sell and dispense  
3 motor fuel from motor fuel pumps.

4 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

5 GENERAL FUND

6 Sec. 4. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 27, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 SEC. 27. DAIRY REGULATION.

9 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
10 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
11 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,  
12 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
13 used for the purposes designated:

14 For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section  
15 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and  
16 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

17 .....	\$	<del>94,598</del>
18		<u>189,196</u>

19 2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in  
20 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
21 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
22 available to be used for the purposes designated until the  
23 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

24 Sec. 5. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 28, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 SEC. 28. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM.

27 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
28 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
29 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,  
30 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
31 used for the purposes designated:

32 For purposes of supporting the local food and farm program  
33 pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):

34 .....	\$	<del>37,500</del>
35		<u>75,000</u>

1 2. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement  
2 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support  
3 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of  
4 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture  
5 and home economics pursuant to **chapter 267A**.

6 3. Notwithstanding **section 8.33**, moneys appropriated in  
7 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
8 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
9 available to be used for the purposes designated until the  
10 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

11 Sec. 6. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 29, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 SEC. 29. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

14 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
15 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,  
17 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
18 used for the purposes designated:

19 For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association  
20 affiliated with a national organization which promotes  
21 agricultural education providing for future farmers:

22 .....	\$	<del>12,500</del>
23		<u>25,000</u>

24 2. Notwithstanding **section 8.33**, moneys appropriated for  
25 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, in this section that  
26 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal  
27 year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used  
28 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding  
29 fiscal year.

30 Sec. 7. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 30, is amended  
31 to read as follows:

32 SEC. 30. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM.

33 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
34 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
35 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,

1 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
2 used for the purposes designated:

3 For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with  
4 disabilities:

5 .....	\$	<del>65,000</del>
6		<u>130,000</u>

7 2. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used for  
8 the public purpose of providing a grant to a national nonprofit  
9 organization with over 80 years of experience in assisting  
10 children and adults with disabilities and special needs. The  
11 moneys shall be used to support a nationally recognized program  
12 that began in 1986 and has been replicated in at least 30 other  
13 states, but which is not available through any other entity  
14 in this state, and that provides assistance to farmers with  
15 disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the farmers to remain  
16 in their own homes and be gainfully engaged in farming through  
17 provision of agricultural worksite and home modification  
18 consultations, peer support services, services to families,  
19 information and referral, and equipment loan services.

20 3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in  
21 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
22 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
23 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
24 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

25 DIVISION II

26 GENERAL FUND

27 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

28 WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE

29 APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017

30 Sec. 8. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 31, is amended  
31 to read as follows:

32 SEC. 31. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — GENERAL.

33 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
34 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
35 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,

1 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
2 used for the purposes designated:

3 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in  
4 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality  
5 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation  
6 and water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including  
7 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

8 .....	\$ <del>2,200,000</del>
9	<u>4,400,000</u>

10 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be  
11 used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the  
12 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified  
13 by the water resources coordinating council established  
14 pursuant to section 466B.3.

15 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to  
16 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional  
17 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority  
18 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating  
19 council established pursuant to section 466B.3.

20 3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds  
21 as provided in subsection 2, all of the following shall apply:

22 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality  
23 practices as described in the latest revision of the document  
24 entitled "Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy" initially presented  
25 in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land  
26 stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa  
27 state university of science and technology.

28 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as  
29 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by  
30 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in  
31 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide  
32 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a  
33 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same  
34 subwatershed.

35 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on

1 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, the  
2 state's share of the amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the  
3 estimated cost of establishing the practice as determined by  
4 the division or 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing  
5 the practice, whichever is less.

6 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other  
7 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar  
8 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day  
9 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish  
10 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

11 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations  
12 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period  
13 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the  
14 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality  
15 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a  
16 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural  
17 land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

18 4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used  
19 to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages  
20 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for  
21 farming to implement water quality practices, including the  
22 establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and  
23 not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

24 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used  
25 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of  
26 efforts provided in this section.

27 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by  
28 the department to support urban soil and water conservation  
29 efforts, which may include but are not limited to management  
30 practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of  
31 permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration.  
32 The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided  
33 in [chapter 161A](#).

34 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
35 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in



1 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a  
2 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to  
3 the department from a state or federal source.

4 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in  
5 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering  
6 and implementing the water quality initiative by the  
7 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as  
8 provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

9 DIVISION III

10 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

11 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017

12 Sec. 9. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 32, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 SEC. 32. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

15 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
16 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year  
17 beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following  
18 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
19 purposes designated:

20	For purposes of supporting the department, including its	
21	divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for	
22	salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and	
23	for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:	
24	.....	\$ 6,431,154
25		<u>12,862,307</u>
26	..... FTEs	1,145.95

27 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions  
28 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00  
29 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the  
30 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing  
31 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.  
32 This subsection shall not impact park ranger or park manager  
33 positions within the department.

34 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the  
35 fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department

1 of management, the members of the joint appropriations  
2 subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the  
3 chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house  
4 committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in  
5 detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this  
6 section to support the department's administration, regulation,  
7 and programs.

8 Sec. 10. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 33, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 SEC. 33. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION  
11 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

12 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game  
13 protection fund to the department of natural resources for the  
14 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,  
15 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
16 used for the purposes designated:

17 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of  
18 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,  
19 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,  
20 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and  
21 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,  
22 and miscellaneous purposes:

23 ..... \$ 20,611,613  
24 42,044,573

25 2. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may use  
26 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game  
27 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life  
28 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of  
29 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation  
30 who retire, pursuant to [section 97B.49B](#).

31 3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department of  
32 natural resources may use the unappropriated balance remaining  
33 in the state fish and game protection fund for the fiscal  
34 year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as is  
35 necessary to fund salary adjustments for departmental employees

1 for which the general assembly has made an operating budget  
2 appropriation in subsection 1.

3 Sec. 11. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 34, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 SEC. 34. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY.

6 There is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund  
7 created in section 455E.11 to the department of natural  
8 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016,  
9 and ending June 30, 2017, from those moneys which are not  
10 allocated pursuant to that section, the following amount, or  
11 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
12 designated:

13 For purposes of supporting the department's protection  
14 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,  
15 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,  
16 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

17 ..... \$ 1,727,916  
18 3,455,832

19 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS

20 MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

21 Sec. 12. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 35, is amended  
22 to read as follows:

23 SEC. 35. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM.

24 There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created  
25 under section 321G.7 to the department of natural resources for  
26 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30,  
27 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
28 to be used for the purpose designated:

29 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state  
30 snowmobile programs:

31 ..... \$ 50,000  
32 100,000

33 Sec. 13. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 36, is amended  
34 to read as follows:

35 SEC. 36. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE

1 TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the  
2 unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive  
3 petroleum underground storage tank fund board established  
4 pursuant to [section 455G.4](#) to the department of natural  
5 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and  
6 ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof  
7 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

8 For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the  
9 department's underground storage tanks section:

10 ..... \$ ~~100,000~~  
11 200,000

12 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

13 GENERAL FUND

14 Sec. 14. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 37, is amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 SEC. 37. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY.

17 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
18 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year  
19 beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following  
20 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
21 purpose designated:

22 For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam  
23 safety:

24 ..... \$ ~~975,000~~  
25 1,950,000

26 2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, up to  
27 ~~\$200,000~~ \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or  
28 install stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting  
29 flood events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood  
30 frequency analysis.

31 3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in  
32 subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
33 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
34 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
35 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

1 Sec. 15. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 38, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 SEC. 38. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT.

4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
5 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year  
6 beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following  
7 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
8 purposes designated:

9 For purposes of providing for forestry health management  
10 programs:

11 .....	\$	<del>250,000</del>
12		<u>500,000</u>

13 2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in  
14 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
15 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
16 available to be used for the purposes designated until the  
17 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

18 DIVISION IV

19 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

20 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017

21 VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

22 Sec. 16. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 39, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 SEC. 39. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

25 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
26 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the  
27 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,  
28 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
29 used for the purposes designated:

30 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary  
31 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic  
32 laboratory and for not more than the following full-time  
33 equivalent positions:

34 .....	\$	<del>2,000,000</del>
35		<u>4,000,000</u>

1 ..... FTEs 51.00

2 2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology  
3 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the  
4 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the  
5 appropriation made in this section.

6 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a reduction made to  
7 support the college of veterinary medicine, if the same  
8 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary  
9 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of  
10 science and technology's budget units.

11 3. If by June 30, 2017, Iowa state university of science and  
12 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this  
13 section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance  
14 with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for  
15 that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

16 WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE

17 Sec. 17. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 40, is amended  
18 to read as follows:

19 SEC. 40. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH CENTER.

20 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
21 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the  
22 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,  
23 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
24 used for the purposes designated:

25 For purposes of supporting an Iowa nutrient research center  
26 as established in [section 466B.47](#):

27 ..... \$ ~~662,500~~  
28 1,325,000

29 2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in  
30 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
31 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
32 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
33 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

34 DIVISION V

35 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

1 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017

2 Sec. 18. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 41, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 SEC. 41. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

5 There is appropriated from the environment first fund created  
6 in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture and land  
7 stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and  
8 ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof  
9 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

10 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

11 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to  
12 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting  
13 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water  
14 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:

15 ..... \$ 500,000  
16 1,000,000

17 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated  
18 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and  
19 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

20 c. Notwithstanding any other provision in law, the  
21 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection,  
22 in combination with other appropriate environment first  
23 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States  
24 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation  
25 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding  
26 available to Iowa.

27 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

28 a. For continuation of a program that provides  
29 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water  
30 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

31 ..... \$ 450,000  
32 900,000

33 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated  
34 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and  
35 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

1 3. FARM MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

2 a. For continuation of a statewide voluntary farm  
3 management demonstration program to demonstrate the  
4 effectiveness and adaptability of emerging practices in  
5 agronomy that protect water resources and provide other  
6 environmental benefits:

7 ..... \$ 312,500  
8 625,000

9 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated  
10 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and  
11 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

12 c. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", ~~\$200,000~~  
13 \$400,000 shall be allocated to an organization representing  
14 soybean growers to provide for an agriculture and environment  
15 performance program in order to carry out the purposes of this  
16 subsection as specified in paragraph "a".

17 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

18 a. For use by the department for costs of administration and  
19 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:

20 ..... \$ ~~1,350,000~~  
21 2,800,000

22 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", the  
23 department shall support field staff providing technical  
24 assistance by allocating fifty percent of the amount that the  
25 department allocated to support field staff under section  
26 19, subsection 4, of this Act. In addition, of the moneys  
27 appropriated in paragraph "a", the department shall allocate an  
28 additional ~~\$75,000~~ \$150,000 to support such field staff.

29 5. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

30 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the  
31 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and  
32 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to  
33 improve water quality and habitat:

34 ..... \$ 500,000  
35 1,000,000



1 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated  
2 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and  
3 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

4 6. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

5 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and  
6 water conservation administration, the conservation of soil and  
7 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation  
8 districts:

9 .....	\$	<del>3,375,000</del>
10		<u>6,750,000</u>

11 b. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a" that the  
12 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,  
13 the first ~~\$7,500~~ \$15,000 may be expended by the district for  
14 the purpose of providing financial incentives under section  
15 161A.73 to establish management practices for the control  
16 of soil erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but  
17 not limited to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and  
18 contouring strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that  
19 appropriation allocated by the department to a district, 30  
20 percent may be expended by the district for that same purpose.

21 c. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in  
22 paragraph "a" may be allocated for cost sharing to address  
23 complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).

24 d. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", 5 percent  
25 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish  
26 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of  
27 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section  
28 161A.73.

29 e. The state soil conservation committee established by  
30 section 161A.4 may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph  
31 "a" to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote  
32 conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control  
33 practices.

34 f. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as  
35 provided in [section 161A.73](#) may be used in combination with

1 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

2 g. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated  
3 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and  
4 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

5 h. In lieu of moneys appropriated in section 466A.5,  
6 not more than ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 of the moneys appropriated  
7 in paragraph "a" shall be used by the division of soil  
8 conservation and water quality of the department of agriculture  
9 and land stewardship to provide administrative support to the  
10 watershed improvement review board established in section  
11 466A.3.

12 7. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

13 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and  
14 conservation fund created in section 161D.2:

15 .....	\$	<del>300,000</del>
16		<u>600,000</u>

17 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a",  
18 ~~\$225,000~~ \$450,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry  
19 canyons account.

20 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the  
21 hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph (1) may be  
22 used for administrative costs.

23 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", ~~\$75,000~~  
24 \$150,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance  
25 account.

26 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the  
27 loess hills alliance account as provided in subparagraph (1)  
28 may be used for administrative costs.

29 Sec. 19. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 42, is amended  
30 to read as follows:

31 SEC. 42. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is  
32 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section  
33 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal  
34 year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the  
35 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be

1 used for the purposes designated:

2 1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

3 a. For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and  
4 staff time associated with these activities:

5 ..... \$ 3,057,500  
6 6,235,000

7 b. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", up to  
8 \$100,000 shall be allocated for statewide coordination of  
9 volunteer efforts under the water quality and keepers of the  
10 land programs.

11 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

12 To provide local watershed managers with geographic  
13 information system data for their use in developing,  
14 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

15 ..... \$ 97,500  
16 195,000

17 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

18 For continuing the establishment and operation of water  
19 quality monitoring stations:

20 ..... \$ 1,477,500  
21 2,955,000

22 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

23 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the  
24 water quality protection fund created in [section 455B.183A](#):

25 ..... \$ 250,000  
26 500,000

27 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

28 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including  
29 as provided for in [chapters 459 through 459B](#):

30 ..... \$ 660,000  
31 1,320,000

32 6. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

33 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient  
34 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary  
35 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality

1 standards from particulate matter:

2 ..... \$ 212,500  
3 425,000

4 7. WATER QUANTITY REGULATION

5 For regulating water quantity from surface and subsurface  
6 sources by providing for the allocation and use of water  
7 resources, the protection and management of water resources,  
8 and the preclusion of conflicts among users of water resources,  
9 including as provided in chapter 455B, division III, part 4:

10 ..... \$ 247,500  
11 495,000

12 8. GEOLOGICAL AND WATER SURVEY

13 For continuing the operations of the department's geological  
14 and water survey including but not limited to providing  
15 analysis, data collection, investigative programs, and  
16 information for water supply development and protection:

17 ..... \$ 100,000  
18 200,000

19 ~~9. KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE~~

20 ~~For purposes of supporting a keep Iowa beautiful initiative~~  
21 ~~in order to assist communities in developing and implementing~~  
22 ~~beautification and community development plans:~~

23 ..... \$ ~~100,000~~

24 Sec. 20. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 43, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 SEC. 43. REVERSION.

27 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, and notwithstanding  
28 section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning  
29 July 1, 2016, in this division of this Act that remain  
30 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year  
31 shall not revert but instead shall remain available to be used  
32 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding  
33 fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation  
34 was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

35 2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for

1 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, in this division of  
2 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship  
3 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of  
4 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain  
5 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year  
6 shall not revert but instead shall remain available for  
7 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the  
8 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

9 DIVISION VI

10 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

11 SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2016-2017

12 Sec. 21. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, is amended by adding  
13 the following new section:

14 NEW SECTION. SEC. 51A. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND  
15 APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding the standing appropriation in  
16 section 455A.18, there is appropriated from the environment  
17 first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the Iowa resources  
18 enhancement and protection fund, in lieu of the appropriation  
19 made in [section 455A.18](#), for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
20 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, to be  
21 allocated as provided in [section 455A.19](#):

22 ..... \$ 16,000,000

23 DIVISION VII

24 STATUTORY CHANGES — STUDIES — DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

25 Sec. 22. STATE FORESTRY NURSERIES. The department of  
26 natural resources shall conduct a study of the long-term  
27 viability of maintaining the state forest nurseries. Pursuant  
28 to section 455A.13, the nurseries must establish by rule sale  
29 prices offered for plants that cover all expenses related to  
30 the growing of the plants. The department shall submit a  
31 report, including findings, recommendations, and any proposed  
32 legislation, to the governor and the joint appropriations  
33 subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources not later  
34 than December 1, 2016.

35 Sec. 23. FEASIBILITY OF ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS AT STATE PARKS.

1 1. The department of natural resources shall conduct a study  
2 of the feasibility of installing electronic systems at the  
3 entrances of areas located within the department's jurisdiction  
4 for the exclusive purpose of allowing the department to more  
5 efficiently collect user fees from individuals who enter  
6 those areas by motor vehicle. The department shall consider  
7 different types of electronic systems that are practical to  
8 install and provide a cost-savings to the state during the  
9 lifespan of the electronic system.

10 2. As part of the study, the department shall also solicit  
11 input from state park users and state park supporter groups  
12 regarding their willingness to pay additional fees to provide  
13 funding for the maintenance and operations of state parks.

14 3. The department shall submit a report regarding the  
15 study, including findings, recommendations, and any proposed  
16 legislation, to the governor and the joint appropriations  
17 subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources not later  
18 than January 15, 2017.

19 Sec. 24. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of this  
20 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon  
21 enactment.

22 DIVISION VIII

23 STATUTORY CHANGES — ANIMAL AGRICULTURE — CIVIL PENALTIES

24 Sec. 25. Section 455B.109, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code  
25 2016, is amended to read as follows:

26 *b.* Civil penalties assessed and collected by or on behalf of  
27 the department and interest on the civil penalties as provided  
28 in [sections 459.602, 459.603, 459.604, 459A.502, and 459B.402](#)  
29 shall be ~~deposited into~~ credited to the watershed improvement  
30 Iowa nutrient research fund created in [section 466A.2](#) [466B.46](#).

31 Sec. 26. Section 459.602, Code 2016, is amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 **459.602 Air quality violations — civil penalty.**

34 A person who violates [subchapter II](#) shall be subject to  
35 a civil penalty which shall be established, assessed, and

1 collected in the same manner as provided in [section 455B.109](#).  
2 Any collected civil penalty ~~collected~~ and interest on a civil  
3 penalty shall be deposited into credited to the watershed  
4 ~~improvement~~ Iowa nutrient research fund created in section  
5 ~~466A.2~~ 466B.46.

6 Sec. 27. Section 459.603, Code 2016, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 **459.603 Water quality violations — civil penalty.**

9 A person who violates [subchapter III](#) shall be subject to  
10 a civil penalty which shall be established, assessed, and  
11 collected in the same manner as provided in [section 455B.109](#) or  
12 [455B.191](#). Any collected civil penalty ~~collected~~ and interest  
13 on a civil penalty shall be deposited into credited to the  
14 ~~watershed improvement~~ Iowa nutrient research fund created in  
15 section ~~466A.2~~ 466B.46.

16 Sec. 28. Section 459.604, subsection 2, Code 2016, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 2. Moneys assessed and collected in civil penalties and  
19 interest earned on civil penalties, arising out of a violation  
20 involving an animal feeding operation, shall be ~~deposited into~~  
21 credited to the watershed improvement Iowa nutrient research  
22 fund created in [section 466A.2 466B.46](#).

23 Sec. 29. Section 459A.502, Code 2016, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 **459A.502 Violations — civil penalty.**

26 A person who violates [this chapter](#) shall be subject to  
27 a civil penalty which shall be established, assessed, and  
28 collected in the same manner as provided in [section 455B.191](#).  
29 Any collected civil penalty ~~collected~~ and interest on a civil  
30 penalty and interest on a civil penalty shall be deposited into  
31 credited to the watershed improvement Iowa nutrient research  
32 fund created in [section 466A.2 466B.46](#). A person shall not be  
33 subject to a penalty under [this section](#) and a penalty under  
34 section 459.603 for the same violation.

35 Sec. 30. Section 459B.402, Code 2016, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **459B.402 Violations — civil penalty.**

3 A person who violates [section 459B.301](#) shall be subject to  
4 the same penalty as provided in [section 459.602](#), and a person  
5 who violates any other provision of [this chapter](#) shall be  
6 subject to the same penalty as provided in [section 459.603](#).  
7 Any collected civil penalty ~~collected~~ and interest on a civil  
8 penalty shall be ~~deposited into~~ credited to the ~~watershed~~  
9 ~~improvement~~ Iowa nutrient research fund created in section  
10 ~~466A.2~~ 466B.46.

11 Sec. 31. Section 466A.2, subsection 1, paragraph b,  
12 subparagraph (2), Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

13 (2) The special account shall exclusively include moneys  
14 that prior to the effective date of this division of this Act  
15 were assessed and collected by or on behalf of the department  
16 of natural resources as provided in [sections 455B.109](#), [459.602](#),  
17 [459.603](#), [459.604](#), [459A.502](#), and [459B.402](#). Additionally,  
18 payments of interest, recaptures of awards, and other  
19 repayments to the account shall be deposited in the account.

20 Sec. 32. NEW SECTION. **466B.46 Iowa nutrient research fund**  
21 **— creation and purpose.**

22 1. An Iowa nutrient research fund is created in the state  
23 treasury under the management and control of the center.

24 2. The fund shall include all of the following:

25 a. Moneys appropriated by the general assembly.

26 b. Moneys assessed and collected by or on behalf of the  
27 department of natural resources to be credited to the fund  
28 as provided in [sections 455B.109](#), [459.602](#), [459.603](#), [459.604](#),  
29 [459A.502](#), and [459B.402](#).

30 c. Moneys accepted by the center from public or private  
31 sources.

32 3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the center and  
33 shall be used exclusively by the center to carry out its  
34 purpose as described in [section 466B.47](#).

35 4. a. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7](#), interest or earnings



1 on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

2 *b.* The moneys credited to the fund are not subject to  
3 section 8.33 and shall not be transferred, used, obligated,  
4 appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except as provided in  
5 this section.

6 Sec. 33. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of this  
7 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon  
8 enactment.

9 DIVISION IX

10 STATUTORY CHANGES — WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD

11 SUSPENSION OF NEW ACTIVITIES

12 Sec. 34. WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD.

13 1. The watershed improvement review board as established in  
14 section 466A.3 and the division of soil conservation and water  
15 quality of the department of agriculture and land stewardship  
16 shall not establish any new activity, including a project,  
17 on or after the effective date of this division of this Act,  
18 that otherwise could be conducted under chapter 466A. The  
19 board and the division shall administer ongoing activities,  
20 including projects, established prior to the effective date of  
21 this division of this Act until the activities are concluded  
22 by their own terms.

23 2. Any unobligated and unexpended moneys in the watershed  
24 improvement fund created in section 466A.2 shall not be  
25 expended for any purpose, except as necessary to administer  
26 ongoing activities, including projects, conducted under chapter  
27 466A, by the board and the division as described in subsection  
28 1. The board may expend moneys in the fund as necessary to  
29 pay for any reasonable overrun associated with an activity,  
30 including a project, established prior to the effective date  
31 of this division of this Act.

32 Sec. 35. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of this  
33 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon  
34 enactment.

35 DIVISION X



1 section 8.57A). The bill is organized into divisions.

2 DALS — GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. For DALS, moneys are  
3 appropriated from the general fund in order to support its  
4 administrative divisions. Moneys are transferred to ISU to  
5 support its midwest grape and wine institute.

6 Moneys are appropriated from a number of other sources to  
7 DALS in order to support designated purposes, including moneys  
8 derived from unclaimed winnings from horse and dog races, for  
9 administration and enforcement of racing regulations (Code  
10 section 99D.22); and moneys credited to the renewable fuel  
11 infrastructure fund (Code section 159A.16), for purposes of  
12 motor fuel inspection and auditing biofuel processing and  
13 production (Code chapter 214A).

14 Moneys are appropriated from the general fund of the state  
15 to DALS in order to support specific purposes including  
16 milk inspection (Code section 192.109), the local food and  
17 farm program (Code chapter 267A), an agricultural education  
18 organization, and assistance to farmers with disabilities.

19 DALS — GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS — WATER QUALITY  
20 INITIATIVE. Moneys are appropriated from the general fund of  
21 the state to DALS for deposit in the water quality initiative  
22 fund (Code section 466B.45), including to support high-priority  
23 watershed projects.

24 DNR — GENERAL FUND AND OTHER MAJOR FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS.  
25 Moneys are appropriated from a number of funds to DNR in order  
26 to support its administrative divisions involving natural  
27 resources and environmental protection, including from the  
28 general fund of the state, the state fish and game protection  
29 fund, and the groundwater protection fund.

30 Moneys are appropriated from a number of sources to support  
31 designated purposes, including moneys deposited in the  
32 special snowmobile fund (Code section 321G.7) to provide for  
33 administering and enforcing the state snowmobile programs; and  
34 moneys deposited in the unassigned revenue fund for purposes  
35 of paying for administration of the department's underground

1 storage tanks section.

2 Moneys are appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
3 DNR in order to support specific purposes including floodplain  
4 management and dam safety and forestry health management  
5 programs.

6 ISU — SPECIAL GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS.  
7 Moneys are appropriated from the general fund of the state  
8 to ISU to support the operation of its veterinary diagnostic  
9 laboratory. Moneys are also appropriated to ISU to support the  
10 Iowa nutrient research center (Code section 466B.47).

11 DALS AND DNR — ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND APPROPRIATIONS.  
12 Moneys are appropriated from the environment first fund (Code  
13 section 8.57A) to support a number of programs administered by  
14 DALS and DNR. For DALS, the moneys are appropriated to support  
15 programs involving soil and water conservation, watershed  
16 protection and nutrient management, and the loess hills  
17 development and conservation fund (Code section 161D.2); and  
18 for DNR, moneys are appropriated to support programs involving  
19 state parks, geographic information system data, water quality,  
20 public water supplies, regulation of animal feeding operations,  
21 air quality, and a geological and water survey.

22 REAP — ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND  
23 APPROPRIATION. Moneys are appropriated from the environment  
24 first fund (Code section 8.57A) to the Iowa resources  
25 enhancement and protection fund in lieu of the standing limited  
26 appropriation of \$20 million (Code section 455A.18).

27 STATUTORY CHANGES — DNR STUDIES. DNR must conduct a study  
28 of the long-term viability of maintaining the state forest  
29 nurseries. It must also conduct a study of the feasibility of  
30 installing electronic systems to allow it to collect user fees  
31 from individuals to enter into state lands. As part of that  
32 study, DNR must solicit input from state park users and state  
33 park supporter groups regarding their willingness to provide  
34 additional funding for the maintenance and operations of state  
35 parks. The provisions take effect upon enactment.

1 STATUTORY CHANGES — ANIMAL AGRICULTURE — CIVIL PENALTIES.

2 Civil penalties that are assessed and collected by DNR are  
3 to be credited to an Iowa nutrient research fund to support  
4 the Iowa nutrient research center. Moneys from those civil  
5 penalties are currently credited to the watershed improvement  
6 fund to support the watershed improvement review board (Code  
7 chapter 466A). The provisions take effect upon enactment.

8 STATUTORY CHANGES — WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD

9 SUSPENSION OF NEW ACTIVITIES. The watershed improvement review  
10 board and DALs' division of soil conservation and water quality  
11 cannot establish any new activity, including a project, under  
12 Code chapter 466A. The board and division must continue to  
13 administer ongoing activities. The provisions take effect upon  
14 enactment.

15 STATUTORY CHANGES — NUTRIENT REDUCTION PILOT PROJECT

16 — REVERSE AUCTION. DALs is required to establish a pilot  
17 project to determine the feasibility and cost-effectiveness  
18 of conducting reverse auctions when allocating financial  
19 assistance to persons seeking to establish practices to reduce  
20 the transport of nutrients from nonpoint sources.