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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the appointment of members of the general
2 assembly to serve on the water resources coordinating
3 council.

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

1 Section 1. Section 466B.3, subsection 4, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. *Membership — voting members.* The council shall consist
4 of the following voting members:

5 a. The director of the department of natural resources or
6 the director's designee.

7 b. The director of the division of soil conservation and
8 water quality within the department of agriculture and land
9 stewardship or the director's designee.

10 c. The director of the department of public health or the
11 director's designee.

12 d. The director of the department of homeland security and
13 emergency management or the director's designee.

14 e. The dean of the college of agriculture and life sciences
15 at Iowa state university or the dean's designee.

16 f. The dean of the college of public health at the
17 university of Iowa or the dean's designee.

18 g. The dean of the college of natural sciences at the
19 university of northern Iowa or the dean's designee.

20 h. The director of transportation or the director's
21 designee.

22 i. The director of the economic development authority or the
23 director's designee.

24 j. The executive director of the Iowa finance authority or
25 the executive director's designee.

26 k. The secretary of agriculture, who shall be the
27 chairperson, or the secretary's designee. As the chairperson,
28 and in order to further the coordination efforts of the
29 council, the secretary may invite representatives from
30 any other public agency, private organization, business,
31 citizen group, or nonprofit entity to give public input at
32 council meetings, provided the entity has an interest in the
33 coordinated management of land resources, soil conservation,
34 flood mitigation, or water quality. The secretary shall also
35 invite and solicit advice from the following:

1 (1) The director of the Iowa water science center of the
2 United States geological survey or the director's designee.

3 (2) The state conservationist from the Iowa office of the
4 United States department of agriculture's natural resources
5 conservation service or the state conservationist's designee.

6 (3) The executive director for Iowa from the United States
7 department of agriculture's farm services agency or the
8 executive director's designee.

9 (4) The state director for Iowa from the United States
10 department of agriculture's office of rural development or the
11 state director's designee.

12 (5) The director of region seven of the United States
13 environmental protection agency or the director's designee.

14 (6) The corps commander from the United States army corps of
15 engineers' Rock Island district or the commander's designee.

16 1. The dean of the college of engineering at the university
17 of Iowa or the dean's designee.

18 Sec. 2. Section 466B.3, Code 2016, is amended by adding the
19 following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. *Membership — legislative members.* The
21 council shall also include four members of the general
22 assembly who shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. The
23 legislative members shall be appointed as follows:

24 a. Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed
25 by the majority leader of the senate and one of whom shall be
26 appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

27 b. Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom
28 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and one of whom
29 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house.

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 This bill adds two members of the senate and two members of
34 the house of representatives to serve as ex officio, nonvoting
35 members on the water resources coordinating council. The

1 purpose of the council is to preserve and protect Iowa's water
2 resources, and to coordinate the management of those resources
3 in a sustainable and fiscally responsible manner (Code section
4 466B.3).