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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act appropriating moneys to the Iowa resources enhancement  
2 and protection fund.

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

1 Section 1. Section 455A.18, subsection 3, Code 2020, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. *a.* For ~~each fiscal year of the fiscal period year~~  
4 beginning July 1, ~~1997~~ 2020, and ~~ending June 30, 2021~~ for each  
5 fiscal year thereafter, there twenty-five million dollars is  
6 appropriated from the general fund, to the Iowa resources  
7 enhancement and protection fund, ~~the amount of twenty million~~  
8 ~~dollars,~~ to be used as provided in this chapter. However, in  
9 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", all of the following  
10 apply:

11 (1) In any fiscal year of the fiscal period, if that  
12 moneys from the lottery are appropriated by the state to the  
13 Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund, the amount  
14 appropriated under this subsection in paragraph "a" shall be  
15 reduced by the amount appropriated from the lottery.

16 (2) If Article VII, section 10, of the Constitution of the  
17 State of Iowa is implemented, and in any fiscal year revenue  
18 generated from that section is credited to the Iowa resources  
19 enhancement and protection fund, including but not limited to  
20 moneys allocated to that fund as provided in section 461.35,  
21 the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" shall be reduced by the  
22 amount credited for that fiscal year.

23 ~~b.~~ c. Section 8.33 does not apply to moneys appropriated  
24 under this subsection.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 GENERAL. This bill appropriates moneys to the Iowa  
29 resources enhancement and protection (REAP) fund (Code section  
30 455A.18) which receives \$20 million from the general fund of  
31 the state per fiscal year until 2021-2022. The bill increases  
32 the amount of the appropriation to \$25 million, and makes the  
33 appropriation period indefinite. The bill also provides that  
34 if the constitutional amendment ratified in 2010 establishing  
35 a natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund is

1 implemented, the appropriation from the general fund of the  
2 state to the REAP fund is to be reduced for each fiscal year by  
3 the amount credited to the REAP fund from revenues generated by  
4 the constitutional amendment.

5 BACKGROUND. The constitutional amendment, ratified on  
6 November 2, 2010, dedicates state revenue from an increase in  
7 the state's sales tax for deposit into a natural resources  
8 and outdoor recreation trust fund. Moneys in the fund cannot  
9 be used for any purpose other than protecting and enhancing  
10 water quality and natural areas in this state, including  
11 parks, trails, and fish and wildlife habitat, and conserving  
12 agricultural soils in this state. No revenue is credited to  
13 the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund until  
14 the state's sales tax is increased. Whenever the sales tax is  
15 increased, the amount generated by the increase, not to exceed  
16 three-eighths of 1 percent of the increase, is to be credited  
17 to that trust fund. By statute, moneys generated by the  
18 constitutional amendment are to be transferred to a statutory  
19 version of the trust fund (Code sections 423.2A, 461.3, and  
20 461.31) and 13 percent of that revenue is to be credited to the  
21 REAP fund (Code section 461.35).