

House File 2566 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2198)

(COMPANION TO LSB 6018SV BY
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a study relating to the grain depositors
2 and sellers indemnity fund.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT STUDY — GRAIN DEPOSITORS AND SELLERS
2 INDEMNITY FUND.

3 1. The department of agriculture and land stewardship
4 shall conduct a study regarding the long-term continuance
5 of the grain depositors and sellers indemnity fund created
6 in section 203D.3. The department may consider any matter
7 that it determines to be relevant, including but not limited
8 to the administration of the fund, participation in the
9 fund, contributions made to the fund and the basis for these
10 contributions, risks to the fund, indemnification of claims
11 against the fund, claims on behalf of the fund, and the fund's
12 optimal balance and optimal waiver amount. The department
13 shall evaluate possible methods to indemnify sellers of grain
14 who execute deferred-payment contracts, including by payments
15 from the fund or another fund.

16 2. The department may consult with the Iowa grain indemnity
17 fund board and shall seek comments from persons who have an
18 interest in the fund's operation.

19 3. The department shall submit a report regarding the study,
20 including findings and recommendations, to the governor and
21 general assembly not later than December 15, 2020. The report
22 may include proposed legislation determined by the department
23 to be necessary or desirable.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill requires the department of agriculture and land
28 stewardship (DALS) to conduct a study regarding the long-term
29 continuance of the grain depositors and sellers indemnity fund.
30 The items of study may include the administration of the fund,
31 participation in the fund, contributions made to the fund,
32 risks to the fund, claims against and on behalf of the fund,
33 and the optimal balance and optimal waiver amounts. DALS must
34 evaluate possible methods to indemnify sellers of grain who
35 execute deferred-payment contracts. DALS may consult with the

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1 Iowa grain indemnity fund board and must seek comments from
2 persons who have an interest in the fund's operation. DALS
3 must submit a report to the governor and general assembly not
4 later than December 15, 2020.