

**House Study Bill 689 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON PAUSTIAN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the renewable fuel infrastructure program  
2 for retail motor fuel sites, by providing for the award of  
3 standard financial incentives to participating persons.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 159A.11, Code 2020, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. *"E-15 plus gasoline"* means ethanol  
4 blended gasoline classified as E-15 or higher, other than  
5 E-85 gasoline, if the formulation of the gasoline meets the  
6 standards set forth in section 214A.2.

7 Sec. 2. Section 159A.14, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
8 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a), Code 2020, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (a) Store and dispense E-15 plus gasoline. ~~At least for~~  
11 ~~the period beginning on September 16 and ending on May 31 of~~  
12 ~~each year, the ethanol infrastructure must be used to store and~~  
13 ~~dispense E-15 gasoline as a registered fuel recognized by the~~  
14 ~~United States environmental protection agency.~~

15 Sec. 3. Section 159A.14, subsection 5, paragraph a,  
16 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (b), Code 2020, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (b) For a five-year cost-share agreement, seventy percent  
19 of the actual cost of making the improvement or ~~fifty~~ one  
20 hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less.

21 Sec. 4. Section 159A.14, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code  
22 2020, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

23 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) The infrastructure board shall not  
24 award a total of more than five hundred thousand dollars in  
25 standard financial incentives to a participating person as  
26 provided in subparagraphs (1) and (2) during any twelve-month  
27 period.

28 EXPLANATION

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

31 GENERAL. This bill amends the renewable fuel infrastructure  
32 program for retail motor fuel sites (program), which supports  
33 the improvement of retail motor fuel sites by installing,  
34 replacing, or converting motor fuel storage and dispensing  
35 (e.g., underground storage tanks and motor fuel pumps

1 infrastructure) associated with E-15 gasoline, E-85 gasoline,  
2 or biodiesel.

3     AWARDS. The bill provides that the infrastructure may  
4 be used to support ethanol blended gasoline classified as  
5 E-15 or higher (E-15 plus gasoline) but not classified as  
6 E-85 gasoline (between 70 and 85 percent ethanol). The bill  
7 removes a restriction on when E-15 gasoline may be stored in a  
8 motor fuel storage tank, increases the amount of moneys that  
9 may be awarded as standard financial incentives (grants) to a  
10 participating person (retail dealer) to support an improvement,  
11 and places a cap on the amount of moneys that may be awarded to  
12 the participating person during any 12-month period.

13     BACKGROUND. The program is administered by the department  
14 of agriculture and land stewardship which executes cost-share  
15 agreements with participating persons subject to approval  
16 by the renewable fuel infrastructure board (Code sections  
17 159A.13 and 159A.14). The program includes standard financial  
18 incentives awarded to improve one or more motor fuel sites  
19 subject to certain award caps. The award may be for either  
20 three years with an award cap of \$30,000 or five years with  
21 an award cap of \$50,000. The program also provides for  
22 supplemental financial incentives for improvements relating  
23 to E-85 infrastructure or improvements to additional motor  
24 fuel sites owned or operated by a participating person. The  
25 program is supported by moneys credited to the renewable fuel  
26 infrastructure fund (Code section 159A.16). In 2019, moneys in  
27 the fund were appropriated from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure  
28 fund (2019 Iowa Acts, chapter 137, section 1).