

**House File 504 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of moneys in the grants to counties  
2 program for lead and copper testing in water supply systems.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph  
2 b, subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (b), unnumbered  
3 paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4 Two percent is appropriated annually to the department and,  
5 except for administrative expenses, is transferred to the Iowa  
6 department of public health for the purpose of administering  
7 grants to counties and conducting oversight of county-based  
8 programs for the testing of private rural water supply wells,  
9 private rural water supply well sealing, ~~and~~ the proper closure  
10 of private rural abandoned wells and cisterns, and testing  
11 water supply systems, as defined in section 455B.211, for  
12 the existence of lead and copper. Not more than thirty-five  
13 percent of the moneys is appropriated annually for grants to  
14 counties for the purpose of conducting programs of private  
15 rural water supply testing, private rural water supply well  
16 sealing, the proper closure of private rural abandoned wells  
17 and cisterns, water supply system testing for the existence  
18 of lead and copper, or any combination thereof. An amount  
19 agreed to by the department of natural resources and the Iowa  
20 department of public health shall be retained by the department  
21 of natural resources for administrative expenses.

22 Sec. 2. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph b,  
23 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (b), subparagraph  
24 subdivision (i), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

25 (i) A county applying for grants under this subparagraph  
26 division shall submit only one application. To be eligible for  
27 a grant, a county must have adopted standards for private water  
28 supply and private disposal facilities at least as stringent as  
29 the standards adopted by the commission. During each fiscal  
30 year, the amount granted each eligible applicant shall be  
31 the total funds available divided by the number of eligible  
32 counties applying. Upon receipt of the grant, the county may  
33 apply the funds to any one or more of the county-based programs  
34 for the testing of private rural water supply wells, private  
35 rural water supply well sealing, ~~and~~ the proper closure of

1 private rural abandoned wells and cisterns, and testing water  
2 supply systems for the existence of lead and copper.

3 EXPLANATION

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

6 Under current law, moneys in the groundwater protection fund  
7 are used for purposes related to groundwater monitoring and  
8 groundwater quality standards. The agricultural management  
9 account consists of moneys deposited in the account from the  
10 collection of fertilizer inspection fees, pesticide dealer  
11 license fees, pesticide registration fees, and other moneys  
12 designated for the purpose of agricultural management. After  
13 an appropriation of \$9,000 to the Iowa department of public  
14 health, 2 percent of the remaining moneys is appropriated  
15 to the department of natural resources (DNR) and, excluding  
16 administrative expenses for the DNR, transferred to the  
17 Iowa department of public health (DPH) for the purpose of  
18 administering grants to counties and conducting oversight of  
19 county-based programs related to private well testing, sealing,  
20 and closure.

21 This bill allows DPH to use moneys appropriated to the  
22 grants to counties program for testing water supply systems for  
23 the existence of lead and copper. For purposes of the bill,  
24 "water supply system" means the system of pipes, structures,  
25 and facilities through which a public water supply is obtained,  
26 treated, and sold or distributed for human consumption or  
27 household use.