

House Study Bill 699 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of certain moneys in the storage
2 tank management account of the groundwater protection fund,
3 and making appropriations.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph d,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2024, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 A storage tank management account. ~~All~~ The account
5 shall consist of moneys appropriated to, transferred to, or
6 deposited in the account, including fees collected pursuant to
7 section 455B.473, subsection 5, and section 455B.479, ~~shall~~
8 ~~be deposited in the storage tank management account.~~ Moneys
9 ~~deposited~~ in the account shall be expended for all of the
10 following purposes:

11 Sec. 2. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
12 2024, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

13 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (1A) Moneys transferred under this Act to
14 the account are appropriated for the following purposes:

15 (a) For reimbursement to tank owners for all or part of the
16 costs of a corrective action for a petroleum release.

17 (b) For permanent closure of an underground storage tank
18 system under a remedial program pursuant to section 455G.9,
19 for additional assessment and corrective action arising out of
20 releases at sites for which a certificate of no further action
21 has been issued, and for tank operator training. At least
22 three million dollars of the moneys expended pursuant to this
23 subparagraph shall be expended for this purpose.

24 Sec. 3. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph d,
25 subparagraph (2), Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

26 (2) The moneys remaining in the account after the
27 ~~appropriation~~ appropriations in ~~subparagraph~~ subparagraphs (1)
28 and (1A) are appropriated ~~from the storage tank management~~
29 ~~account~~ to the department of natural resources for the
30 administration of a state storage tank program pursuant to
31 chapter 455B, subchapter IV, part 8, and for programs ~~which~~
32 that reduce the potential for harm to the environment and the
33 public health from storage tanks.

34 Sec. 4. TRANSFER OF MONEYS. On the effective date of
35 this Act, all unencumbered and unobligated moneys in the

1 Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund
2 created in section 455G.3 are transferred to the storage tank
3 management account of the groundwater protection fund created
4 in section 455E.11.

5 EXPLANATION

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

8 This bill relates to the use of moneys in the storage tank
9 management account of the groundwater protection fund that are
10 transferred from the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground
11 storage tank fund.

12 The groundwater protection fund includes four accounts
13 related to groundwater: the solid waste account, the
14 agriculture management account, the household hazardous waste
15 account, and the storage tank management account. The Iowa
16 comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund assists
17 owners and operators of petroleum underground storage tanks in
18 complying with federal regulations.

19 The bill transfers all unencumbered and unobligated moneys
20 in the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank
21 fund on the effective date of the bill to the storage tank
22 management account. The bill provides that moneys transferred
23 to the storage tank management account pursuant to the bill
24 shall be used to reimburse tank owners for the costs associated
25 with a corrective action for a petroleum release and that
26 at least \$3 million of the moneys transferred from the Iowa
27 comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund to the
28 storage tank management account shall be used for the permanent
29 closure of underground storage tank systems, actions arising
30 from sites where certificates of no further action have been
31 issued, and tank operator training.