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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3196)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state
2 government entities associated with agriculture, natural
3 resources, and environmental protection.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 DIVISION I
2 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
3 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

4 Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

5 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
6 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
8 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
9 used for the purposes designated:

10 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
11 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
12 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
13 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
14 \$ 19,682,310
15 FTEs 420.00

16 2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following
17 amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and
18 technology, to be used for the university's midwest grape and
19 wine industry institute:

20 \$ 325,000

21 3. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the
22 department shall use \$250,000 for purposes of administering
23 and supporting additional meat and poultry inspectors and fuel
24 inspectors.

25 4. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
26 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
27 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
28 expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support
29 the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

30 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

31 Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS —
32 HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys
33 available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture
34 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
35 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so

1 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
2 designated:

3 For purposes of supporting the department's administration
4 and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section
5 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and
6 miscellaneous purposes:

7 \$ 305,516

8 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR
9 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable
10 fuel infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the
11 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
12 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
13 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
14 used for the purposes designated:

15 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
16 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

17 \$ 500,000

18 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

19 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
20 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
21 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
23 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
24 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

25 1. DAIRY REGULATION

26 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
27 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
28 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

29 \$ 189,196

30 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
31 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
32 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
33 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
34 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

35 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

1 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm
2 program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):
3 \$ 75,000
4 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
5 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
6 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
7 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
8 and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).
9 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
10 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
11 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
12 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
13 close of the succeeding fiscal year.
14 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
15 a. For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association
16 affiliated with a national organization that promotes
17 agricultural education providing for future farmers:
18 \$ 75,000
19 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
20 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
21 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
22 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
23 close of the succeeding fiscal year.
24 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK
25 a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
26 and response fund created in [section 163.3B](#):
27 \$ 1,000,000
28 b. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment
29 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease
30 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
31 163.3B:
32 \$ 250,000
33 c. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines
34 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that
35 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:

1 \$ 250,000

2 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

3 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with

4 disabilities:

5 \$ 230,000

6 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be

7 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national

8 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in

9 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special

10 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally

11 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated

12 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through

13 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance

14 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the

15 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged

16 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home

17 modification consultations, peer support services, services

18 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan

19 services.

20 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in

21 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the

22 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain

23 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the

24 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

25 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

26 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and

27 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.2](#):

28 \$ 400,000

29 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills

30 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$360,000

31 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

32 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the

33 fund's hungry canyons account as provided in this paragraph may

34 be used for administrative costs.

35 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills

1 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$40,000
2 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance account.

3 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to
4 the fund's loess hills alliance account as provided in this
5 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

6 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

7 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and
8 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.12:

9 \$ 150,000

10 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
11 to the fund as provided in this subsection may be used for
12 administrative costs.

13 8. GRAIN REGULATION

14 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203
15 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
16 miscellaneous purposes:

17 \$ 350,000

18 DIVISION II

19 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

20 Sec. 5. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

21 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
22 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
23 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following
24 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
25 purposes designated:

26 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
27 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
28 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
29 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

30 \$ 12,479,695

31 FTEs 1,145.95

32 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions
33 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00
34 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the
35 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing

1 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.
2 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park
3 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

4 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
5 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
6 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
7 expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to
8 support the department's administration, regulation, and
9 programs.

10 Sec. 6. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
11 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

12 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
13 protection fund created pursuant to [section 456A.17](#) to the
14 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
15 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,
16 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
17 designated:

18 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
19 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
20 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
21 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
22 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
23 and miscellaneous purposes:

24 \$ 49,752,093

25 2. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may use
26 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
27 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
28 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of
29 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation
30 who retire, pursuant to [section 97B.49B](#).

31 3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may
32 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish
33 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
34 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as is necessary to fund
35 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the

1 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
2 subsection 1.

3 Sec. 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
4 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created
5 in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for
6 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
7 2025, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to
8 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
9 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

10 For purposes of supporting the department's protection
11 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,
12 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
13 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

14 \$ 3,455,850

15 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

16 Sec. 8. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE

17 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
18 fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural
19 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
20 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
21 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

22 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
23 snowmobile programs:

24 \$ 100,000

25 Sec. 9. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE

26 TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the
27 unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive
28 petroleum underground storage tank fund board established
29 pursuant to [section 455G.4](#) to the department of natural
30 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
31 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
32 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

33 For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the
34 department's underground storage tanks section:

35 \$ 200,000

1 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

2 Sec. 10. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
3 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
4 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
5 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
6 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
7 used for the purposes designated:

8 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

9 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
10 safety:

11 \$ 1,510,000

12 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
13 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
14 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
15 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
16 frequency analysis.

17 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
18 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
19 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
20 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
21 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

22 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

23 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
24 programs:

25 \$ 500,000

26 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
27 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
28 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
29 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
30 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

31 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

32 For supporting operations at state parks, including
33 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

34 \$ 1,000,000

35 DIVISION III

1 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
2 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

3 Sec. 11. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
5 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
6 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
7 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
8 used for the purposes designated:

9 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
10 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
11 laboratory and for not more than the following full-time
12 equivalent positions:

13 \$ 4,400,000
14 FTEs 51.00

15 2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology
16 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the
17 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the
18 appropriation made in this section.

19 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a reduction made
20 to support the college of veterinary medicine if the same
21 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary
22 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of
23 science and technology's budget units.

24 3. If by June 30, 2025, Iowa state university of science and
25 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this
26 section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance
27 with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for
28 that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

29 Sec. 12. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.

30 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
31 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
32 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
33 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
34 used for the purposes designated:

35 For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created

1 in section 267.8:

2 \$ 191,390

3 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used
4 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support
5 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock
6 producers.

7 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

8 Sec. 13. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND — VETERINARY
9 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there
10 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created
11 in section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and
12 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
13 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
14 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

15 For the purpose of supporting the college of veterinary
16 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
17 laboratory:

18 \$ 120,000

19 DIVISION IV

20 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

21 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

22 Sec. 14. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
23 (I-CASH).

24 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
25 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
26 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,
27 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
28 designated:

29 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
30 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
31 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
32 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
33 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
34 members of the agricultural community:

35 \$ 128,154

1 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
2 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
3 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
4 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
5 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
6 July 1, 2024, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
7 beginning July 1, 2023.

8 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
9 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
10 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
11 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
12 subsection 1.

13 3. If by June 30, 2025, the state university of Iowa fails
14 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance
15 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
16 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection
17 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
18 30, 2025, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
19 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section
20 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the
21 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or
22 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or
23 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount
24 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any
25 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant
26 to [section 8.33](#).

27 DIVISION V

28 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

29 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

30 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND
31 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
32 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
33 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
34 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so
35 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes

1 designated:

2 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

3 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
4 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
5 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
6 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:

7 \$ 1,000,000

8 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
9 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
10 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

11 c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
12 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection,
13 in combination with other appropriate environment first
14 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States
15 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation
16 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding
17 available to Iowa.

18 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

19 a. For continuation of a program that provides
20 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
21 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

22 \$ 900,000

23 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
24 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
25 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

26 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

27 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
28 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and
29 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to
30 improve water quality and habitat:

31 \$ 900,000

32 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
33 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
34 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

35 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

- 1 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
2 conservation:
3 \$ 8,325,000
- 4 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
5 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
6 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):
7 \$ 140,000
- 8 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred to
9 the fund's hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph
10 (1) may be used for administrative costs.
- 11 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
12 for use by the department in providing for soil and water
13 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
14 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
15 districts:
16 \$ 8,185,000
- 17 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
18 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,
19 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the
20 purpose of providing financial incentives under [section 161A.73](#)
21 to establish management practices for the control of soil
22 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited
23 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring
24 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation
25 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be
26 expended by the district for that same purpose.
- 27 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
28 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address
29 complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).
- 30 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
31 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
32 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
33 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
34 161A.73.
- 35 g. The state soil conservation and water quality committee

1 established by [section 161A.4](#) may allocate moneys appropriated
2 in paragraph "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects
3 to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution
4 control practices.

5 h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as
6 provided in [section 161A.73](#) may be used in combination with
7 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

8 i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated
9 in paragraph "c" may be used for costs of administration and
10 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

11 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

12 a. For use by the department for costs of administration and
13 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:

14 \$ 3,800,000

15 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", \$150,000
16 is allocated to support field staff providing technical
17 assistance.

18 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
19 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
20 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
21 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
22 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
23 used for the purposes designated:

24 1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

25 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
26 staff time associated with these activities:

27 \$ 6,235,000

28 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

29 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
30 information system data for their use in developing,
31 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

32 \$ 195,000

33 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

34 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
35 quality monitoring stations:

1 \$ 2,955,000
2 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT
3 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
4 water quality protection fund created in [section 455B.183A](#):
5 \$ 500,000
6 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS
7 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including
8 as provided for in [chapters 459, 459A, and 459B](#):
9 \$ 1,320,000
10 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY
11 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:
12 \$ 375,000
13 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY
14 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient
15 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary
16 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
17 standards from particulate matter:
18 \$ 425,000
19 Sec. 17. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL
20 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first
21 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the state university of Iowa
22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
23 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
24 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
25 1. OPERATIONS
26 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
27 geological survey of the state as created within the state
28 university of Iowa pursuant to [section 456.1](#), including but not
29 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,
30 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for
31 water supply development and protection:
32 \$ 200,000
33 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
34 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
35 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water

1 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
2 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
3 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to [sections 455B.262B](#)
4 and [456.14](#):

5 \$ 495,000

6 Sec. 18. REVERSION.

7 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
8 notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of this
10 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
11 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
12 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
13 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
14 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

15 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for
16 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of
17 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
18 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of
19 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain
20 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
21 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
22 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
23 beginning July 1, 2027.

24 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred
25 pursuant to this division of this Act to the loess hills
26 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#),
27 which shall not revert as provided in that section.

28 DIVISION VI

29 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

30 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

31 Sec. 19. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
32 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

33 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
34 created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
35 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

1 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so
2 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
3 designated:

4 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
5 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
6 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
7 and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including
8 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
9 \$ 2,375,000

10 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be
11 used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the
12 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified
13 by the water resources coordinating council established
14 pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

15 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to
16 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional
17 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority
18 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating
19 council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

20 3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds
21 as provided in subsection 2, all of the following apply:

22 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
23 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy
24 as defined in [section 455B.171](#).

25 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
26 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
27 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
28 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
29 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
30 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
31 subwatershed.

32 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
33 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
34 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
35 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of

1 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
2 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
3 whichever is less.

4 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other
5 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar
6 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day
7 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish
8 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

9 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
10 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
11 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the
12 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
13 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
14 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
15 land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

16 4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used
17 to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages
18 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for
19 farming to implement water quality practices, including the
20 establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and
21 not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

22 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used
23 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of
24 efforts provided in this section.

25 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by
26 the department to support urban soil and water conservation
27 efforts, which may include but are not limited to management
28 practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of
29 permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration.
30 The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided
31 in [chapter 161A](#).

32 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
33 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in
34 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a
35 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to

1 the department from a state or federal source.

2 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
3 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
4 and implementing the water quality initiative by the
5 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as
6 provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

7 DIVISION VII

8 IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

9 Sec. 20. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
10 lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 455A.18](#), there is
11 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
12 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
13 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
14 30, 2025, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
15 section 455A.19:

16 \$ 12,000,000

17 Sec. 21. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK

18 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.

19 Notwithstanding [section 455A.19, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a",
20 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
21 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,
22 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural
23 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,
24 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July
25 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.

26 DIVISION VIII

27 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS — MARKETING

28 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND

29 STEWARDSHIP

30 PART A

31 PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS

32 Sec. 22. VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM, DAIRY
33 INNOVATION FUND, AND CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM. There
34 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
35 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal

1 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the
2 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
3 used for the purposes designated:

4 1. VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

5 a. For the administration and execution of a value added
6 agriculture grant program to identify, evaluate, and support
7 programs and services that add value to agriculture products,
8 enable new technology, and support marketing strategies:

9 \$ 463,000

10 b. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#)
11 necessary to implement and administer this subsection.

12 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
13 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
14 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
15 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
16 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

17 2. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

18 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund established pursuant to
19 section 159.31:

20 \$ 500,000

21 3. DAIRY INNOVATION FUND

22 For deposit in the dairy innovation fund created in section
23 159.31A:

24 \$ 750,000

25 Sec. 23. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
26 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, if 2024 Iowa
27 Acts, Senate File 2410, or successor legislation, is not
28 enacted.

29 PART B

30 CHOOSE IOWA

31 Sec. 24. CHOOSE IOWA FUND.

32 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
33 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
34 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
35 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be

1 used for the purpose designated:

2 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund as created in section
3 187.201:

4 \$ 1,713,000

5 2. a. (1) Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the
6 department shall use at least \$475,000 to support the value
7 added agricultural grant program created in section 187.321.

8 (2) Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
9 subparagraph (1) that remain unencumbered or unobligated at
10 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
11 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
12 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

13 b. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the
14 department may use up to \$750,000 to support the dairy
15 innovation and revitalization program created in section
16 187.313.

17 Sec. 25. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
18 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, if 2024 Iowa
19 Acts, Senate File 2410, or successor legislation, is enacted.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 GENERAL. This bill relates to agriculture and natural
24 resources by making appropriations for FY 2024-2025 to support
25 related entities, including the department of agriculture and
26 land stewardship (DALs), the department of natural resources
27 (DNR), Iowa state university (ISU), and the university of Iowa
28 (UI).

29 The bill primarily appropriates moneys to DALs and DNR.
30 The appropriations are made to support those departments for
31 administration, regulation, and support of programs. The bill
32 requires the departments to submit quarterly reports to the
33 general assembly and department of management regarding the
34 expenditure of appropriated moneys. The bill also provides
35 moneys to support specific programs or projects administered by

1 those departments.

2 The bill primarily appropriates moneys from the state
3 general fund (GF) and the environment first fund (EFF) to
4 support DALS and DNR, but also UI and ISU, and to support
5 a number of designated activities, projects, and programs
6 administered by those agencies. General appropriations are
7 made from other major sources, including the state fish and
8 game protection fund (SFGPF) and the groundwater protection
9 fund (GPF), both administered by DNR. Finally, appropriations
10 are made from and to a number of dedicated sources, including
11 the resources enhancement and protection (REAP) fund
12 administered by DNR, and the renewable fuel infrastructure
13 fund (RFIF) and the water quality initiative fund (WQIF)
14 administered by DALS.

15 DALS — GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates moneys
16 to DALS from the GF in order to support its administrative
17 divisions, including consumer protection and industry services,
18 soil conservation, and food safety and animal health. Moneys
19 are transferred to ISU to support its midwest grape and wine
20 industry institute.

21 DALS — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
22 The bill appropriates moneys from several sources to support a
23 number of designated purposes, including moneys derived from
24 unclaimed winnings from horse and dog races, for administration
25 and enforcement of racing regulations; and moneys credited to
26 the RFIF, for purposes of regulating motor fuel.

27 DALS — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
28 appropriations from the GF to DALS in order to support specific
29 purposes including milk inspection, the local food and farm
30 program, an agricultural education organization, foreign animal
31 disease preparedness, assistance to farmers with disabilities,
32 loess hills protections, southern Iowa development and
33 conservation, and grain regulation.

34 DALS — SPECIAL GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS. The
35 bill provides two contingent provisions appropriating moneys

1 to support programs administered by DALS that are associated
 2 with promoting the marketing of products derived from Iowa
 3 commodities based on whether Senate File 2410, or successor
 4 legislation, is enacted. Senate File 2410 consolidates a
 5 number of agricultural marketing funds and programs under new
 6 Code chapter 187. The first contingent provision assumes
 7 Senate File 2410 will not be enacted and appropriates moneys
 8 to support a value added agricultural grant program, a choose
 9 Iowa promotional program, and a dairy innovation program. The
 10 second contingent provision assumes Senate File 2410 will be
 11 enacted and appropriates the same amount to support a number
 12 of marketing programs. The moneys must be used to support
 13 the value added agricultural grant program and may be used to
 14 support a dairy innovation and revitalization program. The
 15 moneys may also be used to support other programs provided for
 16 in Senate File 2410, including the choose Iowa promotional
 17 program, and the butchery innovation and revitalization program
 18 transferred from the economic development authority.

19 DNR — GF AND OTHER MAJOR FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS. The bill
 20 makes appropriations from a number of funds to DNR in order
 21 to support its administrative divisions involving natural
 22 resources and environmental protection from the GF, the SFGPF,
 23 and the GPF.

24 DNR — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
 25 The bill appropriates moneys to DNR from a number of sources
 26 to support designated purposes, including moneys deposited in
 27 the special snowmobile fund to provide for administering and
 28 enforcing the state snowmobile programs; and moneys deposited
 29 in the unassigned revenue fund for purposes of paying for
 30 administration of DNR's underground storage tanks section.

31 DNR — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
 32 appropriations from the GF to DNR in order to support specific
 33 purposes including floodplain management, dam safety and
 34 forestry health management programs, and state parks.

35 ISU — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates

1 moneys from the GF to ISU to support the operation of its
2 veterinary diagnostic laboratory and livestock disease
3 research.

4 ISU — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
5 The bill appropriates moneys from the Iowa nutrient reduction
6 fund to ISU for the veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

7 UI — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates
8 moneys from the GF to UI to support the operations of Iowa's
9 center for agricultural safety and health, which is part of
10 UI's college of public health.

11 DALS, DNR, AND UI — EFF — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS. The
12 bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to support a number of
13 programs administered by DALS, DNR, and UI. For DALS, the
14 moneys are appropriated to support programs involving soil
15 conservation, watershed protection and nutrient management,
16 and the loess hills development and conservation fund. For
17 DNR, moneys are appropriated to support programs involving
18 state parks, geographic information systems, water quality
19 monitoring, public water supplies, regulation of animal feeding
20 operations, air quality, and floodplain management and dam
21 safety. For UI, moneys are appropriated to support the Iowa
22 geological survey. The bill includes provisions that delay the
23 reversion of these moneys.

24 EFF — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR WQIF. The bill
25 appropriates moneys from the EFF to the WQIF subject to certain
26 conditions.

27 REAP FUND — EFF APPROPRIATION IN LIEU OF GF APPROPRIATION.
28 The bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to the REAP
29 fund instead of the \$20 million otherwise required to be
30 appropriated to the REAP fund from the GF. Notwithstanding
31 the standing allocation from the REAP fund to its open
32 spaces account, DNR may use moneys in the account for state
33 park maintenance, development, operations, and facility
34 refurbishment.