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SENATE FILE 558
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1210)

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:

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DIVISION I
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
..... \$ _____
..... FTEs _____

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

..... \$ _____

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

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS — HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department's administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section

1 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and
2 miscellaneous purposes:

3 \$ _____

4 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR
5 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable
6 fuel infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the
7 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the
9 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
10 used for the purposes designated:

11 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
12 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

13 \$ _____

14 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

15 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
16 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
17 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
18 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
19 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
20 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

21 1. DAIRY REGULATION

22 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
23 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
24 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

25 \$ _____

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 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

32 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm
33 program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):

34 \$ _____

35 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement

1 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
2 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
3 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
4 and home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

5 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
6 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
7 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
8 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
9 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

10 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

11 a. For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association
12 affiliated with a national organization that promotes
13 agricultural education providing for future farmers:

14 \$ _____

15 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
16 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
17 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
18 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
19 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

20 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

21 For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and
22 response fund created in section 163.3B:

23 \$ _____

24 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

25 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
26 disabilities:

27 \$ _____

28 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
29 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
30 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
31 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
32 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
33 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
34 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
35 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance

1 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the
2 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged
3 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
4 modification consultations, peer support services, services
5 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
6 services.

7 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
8 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
9 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
10 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
11 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

12 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

13 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
14 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.2](#):

15 \$ _____

16 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills
17 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$ _____
18 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

19 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the
20 fund's hungry canyons account as provided in this paragraph may
21 be used for administrative costs.

22 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills
23 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$ _____
24 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance account.

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

28 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

29 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and
30 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.12](#):

31 \$ _____

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

35 8. GRAIN REGULATION

1 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203
2 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
3 miscellaneous purposes:

4 \$ _____

5 9. VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

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

10 \$ _____

11 b. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
12 necessary to implement and administer this subsection.

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

18 10. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

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

21 \$ _____

22 DIVISION II

23 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

24 Sec. 5. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

25 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
26 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
27 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
28 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
29 purposes designated:

30 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
31 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
32 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
33 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

34 \$ _____

35 FTEs _____

1 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions
2 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, _____
3 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the
4 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing
5 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.
6 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park
7 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

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

14 Sec. 6. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
15 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

16 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
17 protection fund created pursuant to [section 456A.17](#) to the
18 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount,
20 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
21 designated:

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

28 \$ _____

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

35 3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may

1 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish
2 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
3 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as is necessary to fund
4 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the
5 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
6 subsection 1.

7 Sec. 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
8 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created
9 in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for
10 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
11 2024, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to
12 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
13 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

14 For purposes of supporting the department’s protection
15 of the state’s groundwater, including for administration,
16 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
17 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

18 \$ _____
19 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

20 Sec. 8. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE
21 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
22 fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural
23 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
24 ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof
25 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

26 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
27 snowmobile programs:

28 \$ _____

29 Sec. 9. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE
30 TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the
31 unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive
32 petroleum underground storage tank fund board established
33 pursuant to [section 455G.4](#) to the department of natural
34 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
35 ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof

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

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

4 \$ _____

5 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

6 Sec. 10. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
7 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
8 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the
10 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
11 used for the purposes designated:

12 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

13 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
14 safety:

15 \$ _____

16 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
17 \$_____ may be used by the department to acquire or install
18 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
19 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
20 frequency analysis.

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

26 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

27 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
28 programs:

29 \$ _____

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 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

1 For supporting operations at state parks, including
2 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

3 \$ _____

4 DIVISION III

5 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

6 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

7 Sec. 11. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

8 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
9 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
10 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024,
11 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
12 used for the purposes designated:

13 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
14 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
15 laboratory and for not more than the following full-time
16 equivalent positions:

17 \$ _____

18 FTEs _____

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

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

28 3. If by June 30, 2024, Iowa state university of science and
29 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this
30 section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance
31 with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for
32 that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

33 Sec. 12. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.

34 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
35 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the

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

4 For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
5 in [section 267.8](#):

6 \$ _____

7 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used
8 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support
9 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock
10 producers.

11 DIVISION IV

12 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

13 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

14 Sec. 13. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
15 (I-CASH).

16 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
17 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
18 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount,
19 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
20 designated:

21 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
22 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
23 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
24 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
25 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
26 members of the agricultural community:

27 \$ _____

28 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
29 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
30 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
31 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
32 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
33 July 1, 2023, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
34 beginning July 1, 2022.

35 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection

1 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
2 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
3 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
4 subsection 1.

5 3. If by June 30, 2024, the state university of Iowa fails
6 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance
7 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
8 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection
9 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
10 30, 2024, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
11 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section
12 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the
13 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or
14 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or
15 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount
16 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any
17 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant
18 to [section 8.33](#).

19 DIVISION V

20 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

21 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

22 Sec. 14. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND

23 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
24 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
25 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
26 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so
27 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
28 designated:

29 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

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

34 \$ _____

35 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated

1 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
2 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

3 c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
4 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection,
5 in combination with other appropriate environment first
6 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States
7 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation
8 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding
9 available to Iowa.

10 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

11 a. For continuation of a program that provides
12 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
13 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:
14 \$ _____

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

18 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

19 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
20 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and
21 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to
22 improve water quality and habitat:
23 \$ _____

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

27 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

28 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
29 conservation:
30 \$ _____

31 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
32 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
33 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):
34 \$ _____

35 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred to

1 the fund's hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph
2 (1) may be used for administrative costs.

3 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
4 for use by the department in providing for soil and water
5 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
6 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
7 districts:

8 \$ _____

9 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
10 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,
11 the first \$_____ may be expended by the district for the
12 purpose of providing financial incentives under [section 161A.73](#)
13 to establish management practices for the control of soil
14 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited
15 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring
16 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation
17 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be
18 expended by the district for that same purpose.

19 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
20 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address
21 complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).

22 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
23 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
24 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
25 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
26 161A.73.

27 g. The state soil conservation and water quality committee
28 established by [section 161A.4](#) may allocate moneys appropriated
29 in paragraph "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects
30 to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution
31 control practices.

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

35 i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated

1 in paragraph "c" may be used for costs of administration and
2 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

3 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

6 \$ _____

7 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", \$ _____
8 is allocated to support field staff providing technical
9 assistance.

10 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
11 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
12 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
13 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the
14 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
15 used for the purposes designated:

16 1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

17 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
18 staff time associated with these activities:

19 \$ _____

20 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

21 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
22 information system data for their use in developing,
23 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

24 \$ _____

25 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

26 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
27 quality monitoring stations:

28 \$ _____

29 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

30 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
31 water quality protection fund created in [section 455B.183A](#):

32 \$ _____

33 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

34 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including
35 as provided for in [chapters 459, 459A, and 459B](#):

1 \$ _____

2 6. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

3 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient
4 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary
5 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
6 standards from particulate matter:

7 \$ _____

8 7. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

9 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

10 \$ _____

11 Sec. 16. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL
12 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first
13 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the state university of Iowa
14 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
15 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
16 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

17 1. OPERATIONS

18 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
19 geological survey of the state as created within the state
20 university of Iowa pursuant to [section 456.1](#), including but not
21 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,
22 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for
23 water supply development and protection:

24 \$ _____

25 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

26 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
27 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
28 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
29 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
30 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to [sections 455B.262B](#)
31 and [456.14](#):

32 \$ _____

33 Sec. 17. REVERSION.

34 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
35 notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the

1 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in this division of this
2 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
3 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
4 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
5 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
6 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

7 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for
8 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in this division of
9 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
10 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of
11 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain
12 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
13 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
14 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
15 beginning July 1, 2026.

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

20 DIVISION VI

21 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

22 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

23 Sec. 18. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
24 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

25 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
26 created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
27 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
28 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so
29 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
30 designated:

31 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
32 [section 466B.45](#), for purposes of supporting the water quality
33 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
34 and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including
35 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

1 \$ _____

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

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

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

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

17 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
18 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
19 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
20 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
21 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
22 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
23 subwatershed.

24 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
25 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
26 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
27 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of
28 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
29 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
30 whichever is less.

31 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other
32 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar
33 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day
34 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish
35 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

1 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
2 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
3 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the
4 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
5 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
6 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
7 land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

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

14 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used
15 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of
16 efforts provided in this section.

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

24 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
25 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in
26 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a
27 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to
28 the department from a state or federal source.

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

34 DIVISION VII

35 IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION FUND

1 Sec. 19. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
2 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is
3 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
4 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
5 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
6 30, 2024, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
7 section 455A.19:

8 \$ _____

9 Sec. 20. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK
10 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. Notwithstanding section 455A.19,
11 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), of the moneys
12 allocated to the open spaces account of the Iowa resources
13 enhancement and protection fund, up to \$_____ may be
14 used by the department of natural resources for state park
15 maintenance and repair for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
16 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 GENERAL. This bill relates to agriculture and natural
21 resources by making appropriations for FY 2023-2024 to support
22 related entities, including the department of agriculture and
23 land stewardship (DALs), the department of natural resources
24 (DNR), Iowa state university (ISU), and the university of Iowa
25 (UI).

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

34 The bill primarily appropriates moneys from the state
35 general fund (GF) and the environment first fund (EFF) to

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

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

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

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

32 DNR — GF AND OTHER MAJOR FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS. The bill
 33 makes appropriations from a number of funds to DNR in order
 34 to support its administrative divisions involving natural
 35 resources and environmental protection from the GF, the SFGPF,

1 and the GPF.

2 DNR — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.

3 The bill appropriates moneys to DNR from a number of sources
4 to support designated purposes, including moneys deposited in
5 the special snowmobile fund to provide for administering and
6 enforcing the state snowmobile programs; and moneys deposited
7 in the unassigned revenue fund for purposes of paying for
8 administration of DNR's underground storage tanks section.

9 DNR — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
10 appropriations from the GF to DNR in order to support specific
11 purposes including floodplain management, dam safety and
12 forestry health management programs, and state parks.

13 ISU — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates
14 moneys from the GF to ISU to support the operation of its
15 veterinary diagnostic laboratory and livestock disease
16 research.

17 UI — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates
18 moneys from the GF to UI to support the operations of Iowa's
19 center for agricultural safety and health, which is part of
20 UI's college of public health.

21 DALs, DNR, AND UI — EFF — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS. The
22 bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to support a number of
23 programs administered by DALs, DNR, and UI. For DALs, the
24 moneys are appropriated to support programs involving soil
25 conservation, watershed protection and nutrient management,
26 and the loess hills development and conservation fund. For
27 DNR, moneys are appropriated to support programs involving
28 state parks, geographic information systems, water quality
29 monitoring, public water supplies, regulation of animal feeding
30 operations, air quality, and floodplain management and dam
31 safety. For UI, moneys are appropriated to support the Iowa
32 geological survey. The bill includes provisions that delay the
33 reversion of these moneys.

34 EFF — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR WQIF. The bill
35 appropriates moneys from the EFF to the WQIF subject to certain

1 conditions.

2 REAP FUND — EFF APPROPRIATION IN LIEU OF GF APPROPRIATION.

3 The bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to the REAP
4 fund instead of the \$20 million otherwise required to be
5 appropriated to the REAP fund from the GF. Notwithstanding
6 the standing allocation from the REAP fund to its open spaces
7 account, DNR may use moneys in the account for state park
8 maintenance and repair.