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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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, 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; and for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
..... \$ 19,682,310

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:
..... \$ 325,000

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

4. 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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

5 \$ 305,516

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

13 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
14 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

15 \$ 500,000

16 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

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

23 1. DAIRY REGULATION

24 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
25 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade “A” milk and
26 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

27 \$ 189,196

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

33 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

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

1 \$ 75,000

2 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
3 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
4 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
5 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
6 and home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

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 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

16 \$ 75,000

17 b. 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 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

23 a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
24 and response fund created in section 163.3B:

25 \$ 1,000,000

26 b. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment
27 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease
28 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
29 163.3B:

30 \$ 250,000

31 c. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines
32 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that
33 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:

34 \$ 250,000

35 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

1 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
2 disabilities:

3 \$ 230,000

4 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
5 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
6 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
7 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
8 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
9 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
10 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
11 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
12 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the
13 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged
14 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
15 modification consultations, peer support services, services
16 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
17 services.

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

23 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

26 \$ 400,000

27 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills
28 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$360,000
29 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

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

33 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills
34 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$40,000
35 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance account.

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

4 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

7 \$ 150,000

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

11 8. GRAIN REGULATION

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

15 \$ 350,000

16 9. VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

17 a. For the administration and execution of a value added
18 agriculture grant program to identify, evaluate, and support
19 programs and services that add value to agriculture products,
20 enable new technology, and support marketing strategies:

21 \$ 463,000

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

24 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
25 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
26 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
27 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
28 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

29 10. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

30 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund established pursuant to
31 section 159.31:

32 \$ 600,000

33 11. DAIRY INNOVATION FUND

34 For deposit in the dairy innovation fund created in section
35 159.31A:

1 \$ 750,000

2 DIVISION II

3 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

4 Sec. 5. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

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

10 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
11 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; and
12 for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
13 \$ 12,479,695

14 2. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
15 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
16 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
17 expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to
18 support the department's administration, regulation, and
19 programs.

20 Sec. 6. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
21 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

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

28 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
29 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
30 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
31 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
32 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
33 and miscellaneous purposes:
34 \$ 49,752,093

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

1 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
2 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
3 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of
4 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation
5 who retire, pursuant to [section 97B.49B](#).

6 3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may
7 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish
8 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
9 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as is necessary to fund
10 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the
11 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
12 subsection 1.

13 Sec. 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
14 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created
15 in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for
16 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
17 2025, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to
18 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
19 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

20 For purposes of supporting the department’s protection
21 of the state’s groundwater, including for administration,
22 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
23 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:
24 \$ 3,455,850

25 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

26 Sec. 8. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE
27 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
28 fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural
29 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
30 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
31 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

32 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
33 snowmobile programs:
34 \$ 100,000

35 Sec. 9. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE

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

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

10 \$ 200,000

11 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

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

18 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

19 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
20 safety:

21 \$ 1,510,000

22 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
23 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
24 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
25 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
26 frequency analysis.

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

32 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

33 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
34 programs:

35 \$ 500,000

1 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
2 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
3 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
4 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
5 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

6 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

7 For supporting operations at state parks, including
8 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

9 \$ 1,000,000

10 DIVISION III

11 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

12 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

13 Sec. 11. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

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

19 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
20 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
21 laboratory:

22 \$ 4,400,000

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

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

32 3. If by June 30, 2025, Iowa state university of science and
33 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this
34 section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance
35 with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for

1 that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

2 Sec. 12. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.

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

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

10 \$ 191,390

11 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used
12 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support
13 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock
14 producers.

15 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

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

23 For the purpose of supporting the college of veterinary
24 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
25 laboratory:

26 \$ 120,000

27 DIVISION IV

28 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

29 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

1 designated:

2 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
3 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
4 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
5 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
6 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
7 members of the agricultural community:

8 \$ 128,154

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

16 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
17 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
18 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
19 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
20 subsection 1.

21 3. If by June 30, 2025, the state university of Iowa fails
22 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance
23 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
24 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection
25 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
26 30, 2025, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
27 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section
28 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the
29 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or
30 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or
31 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount
32 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any
33 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant
34 to [section 8.33](#).

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DIVISION V

1 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND
2 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

3 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND
4 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
5 fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
6 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
7 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so
8 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
9 designated:

10 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)
11 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
12 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
13 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
14 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
15 \$ 1,000,000

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

19 c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
20 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection,
21 in combination with other appropriate environment first
22 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States
23 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation
24 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding
25 available to Iowa.

26 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION
27 a. For continuation of a program that provides
28 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
29 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:
30 \$ 900,000

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

34 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)
35 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the

1 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and
2 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to
3 improve water quality and habitat:

4 \$ 900,000

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

8 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

9 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
10 conservation:

11 \$ 8,325,000

12 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
13 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
14 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):

15 \$ 140,000

16 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred to
17 the fund's hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph
18 (1) may be used for administrative costs.

19 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
20 for use by the department in providing for soil and water
21 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
22 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
23 districts:

24 \$ 8,185,000

25 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
26 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,
27 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the
28 purpose of providing financial incentives under [section 161A.73](#)
29 to establish management practices for the control of soil
30 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited
31 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring
32 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation
33 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be
34 expended by the district for that same purpose.

35 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in

1 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address
2 complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).

3 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
4 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
5 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
6 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
7 161A.73.

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

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

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

19 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

22 \$ 3,800,000

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

26 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
27 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
28 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
29 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
30 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
31 used for the purposes designated:

32 1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

33 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
34 staff time associated with these activities:

35 \$ 6,235,000

1 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

2 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
3 information system data for their use in developing,
4 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

5 \$ 195,000

6 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

7 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
8 quality monitoring stations:

9 \$ 2,955,000

10 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

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

13 \$ 500,000

14 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

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

17 \$ 1,320,000

18 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

19 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

20 \$ 375,000

21 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

22 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient
23 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary
24 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
25 standards from particulate matter:

26 \$ 425,000

27 Sec. 17. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL
28 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first
29 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the state university of Iowa
30 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
31 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
32 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

33 1. OPERATIONS

34 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
35 geological survey of the state as created within the state

1 university of Iowa pursuant to [section 456.1](#), including but not
2 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,
3 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for
4 water supply development and protection:

5 \$ 200,000

6 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

7 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
8 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
9 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
10 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
11 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to [sections 455B.262B](#)
12 and [456.14](#):

13 \$ 495,000

14 Sec. 18. REVERSION.

15 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
16 notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the
17 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of this
18 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
19 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
20 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
21 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
22 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

23 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for
24 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of
25 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
26 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of
27 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain
28 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
29 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
30 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
31 beginning July 1, 2027.

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

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DIVISION VI
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

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

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

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

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

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in

1 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
2 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
3 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
4 subwatershed.

5 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
6 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
7 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
8 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of
9 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
10 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
11 whichever is less.

12 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other
13 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar
14 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day
15 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish
16 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

17 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
18 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
19 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the
20 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
21 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
22 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
23 land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

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

30 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used
31 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of
32 efforts provided in this section.

33 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by
34 the department to support urban soil and water conservation
35 efforts, which may include but are not limited to management

1 practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of
2 permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration.
3 The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided
4 in [chapter 161A](#).

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

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

15 DIVISION VII

16 IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

17 Sec. 20. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
18 lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 455A.18](#), there is
19 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
20 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
21 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
22 30, 2025, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
23 section 455A.19:

24 \$ 12,000,000

25 Sec. 21. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT —

26 STATE PARK MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY

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

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 GENERAL. This bill relates to agriculture and natural
3 resources by making appropriations for FY 2024-2025 to support
4 related entities, including the department of agriculture and
5 land stewardship (DALs), the department of natural resources
6 (DNR), Iowa state university (ISU), and the university of Iowa
7 (UI).

8 The bill primarily appropriates moneys to DALs and DNR.
9 The appropriations are made to support those departments for
10 administration, regulation, and support of programs. The bill
11 requires the departments to submit quarterly reports to the
12 general assembly and department of management regarding the
13 expenditure of appropriated moneys. The bill also provides
14 moneys to support specific programs or projects administered by
15 those departments.

16 The bill primarily appropriates moneys from the state
17 general fund (GF) and the environment first fund (EFF) to
18 support DALs and DNR, but also UI and ISU, and to support
19 a number of designated activities, projects, and programs
20 administered by those agencies. General appropriations are
21 made from other major sources, including the state fish and
22 game protection fund (SFGPF) and the groundwater protection
23 fund (GPF), both administered by DNR. Finally, appropriations
24 are made from and to a number of dedicated sources, including
25 the resources enhancement and protection (REAP) fund
26 administered by DNR, and the renewable fuel infrastructure
27 fund (RFIF) and the water quality initiative fund (WQIF)
28 administered by DALs.

29 DALs — GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates moneys
30 to DALs from the GF in order to support its administrative
31 divisions, including consumer protection and industry services,
32 soil conservation, and food safety and animal health. Moneys
33 are transferred to ISU to support its midwest grape and wine
34 industry institute.

35 DALs — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.

1 The bill appropriates moneys from several sources to support a
2 number of designated purposes, including moneys derived from
3 unclaimed winnings from horse and dog races, for administration
4 and enforcement of racing regulations; and moneys credited to
5 the RFIF, for purposes of regulating motor fuel.

6 DALS — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
7 appropriations from the GF to DALS in order to support specific
8 purposes including milk inspection, the local food and farm
9 program, an agricultural education organization, foreign animal
10 disease preparedness, assistance to farmers with disabilities,
11 loess hills protections, southern Iowa development and
12 conservation, grain regulation, a value added agriculture grant
13 program, the choose Iowa promotional program, and the dairy
14 innovation fund.

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

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

27 DNR — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
28 appropriations from the GF to DNR in order to support specific
29 purposes including floodplain management, dam safety and
30 forestry health management programs, and state parks.

31 ISU — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates
32 moneys from the GF to ISU to support the operation of its
33 veterinary diagnostic laboratory and livestock disease
34 research.

35 ISU — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.

1 The bill also appropriates moneys from the Iowa nutrient
2 reduction fund to ISU for the veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

3 UI — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates
4 moneys from the GF to UI to support the operations of Iowa's
5 center for agricultural safety and health, which is part of
6 UI's college of public health.

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

20 EFF — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR WQIF. The bill
21 appropriates moneys from the EFF to the WQIF subject to certain
22 conditions.

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