

House Study Bill 772 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MOHR)

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, and including
4 contingent effective date provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
PART A
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. GENERAL FUND.

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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, 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:

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| | \$ 20,727,294 |
| | FTEs 420.00 |

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:

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| | \$ 325,000 |
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3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department of management. The report must describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, 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 and
2 enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section
3 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and
4 miscellaneous purposes:

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6 \$ 305,516

7 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL
8 INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel
9 infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the department
10 of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or
12 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
13 designated:

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

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17 \$ 500,000

18 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There is
19 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department
20 of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
21 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or
22 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
23 designated:

24 1. DAIRY REGULATION

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

28

29 \$ 189,196

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

35 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

1 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm program
2 pursuant to chapter 267A:

3

4 \$ 125,000

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

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

15 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

19

20 \$ 150,000

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

26 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

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

29

30 \$ 1,050,000

31 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

32 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
33 disabilities:

34

35 \$ 230,000

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

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

19 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

20 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
21 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.2:

22
23 \$ 300,000

24 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
25 \$260,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

26 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated in this
27 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

28 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
29 \$40,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
30 account.

31 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated in this
32 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

33 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

1

2 \$ 100,000

3 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
4 this subsection may be used for administrative costs.

5 8. GRAIN REGULATION

6 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203 and
7 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
8 purposes:

9

10 \$ 350,000

11 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND

12 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section
13 187.201:

14

15 \$ 1,813,000

16 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
17 department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the value-added
18 agricultural grant program created in section 187.321.

19 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
20 department may use up to \$813,000 to support the choose Iowa
21 promotional program as provided in chapter 187, subchapter III,
22 part 1.

23 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
24 department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the dairy
25 innovation and revitalization program created in section 187.311.

26 c. The department may increase or decrease the amount of
27 moneys used to support a program described in paragraph "b" based
28 on the amount of moneys awarded to persons participating in the
29 program. The department shall publish a notice of the
30 department's action to increase or decrease the amount on the
31 department's internet site where the programs are advertised at
32 least thirty days prior to the day that the department takes such
33 action.

34 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD BANK PURCHASING PROGRAM

35 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food bank

1 purchasing program to assist eligible participants in purchasing
2 qualified food products pursuant to section 187.331:

3

4 \$ 200,000

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

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PART B

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CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS

12 Sec. 5. CHOOSE IOWA SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAM. There is
13 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department
14 of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
15 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or
16 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
17 designated:

18 For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa school purchasing
19 program to assist eligible schools and school districts in
20 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to section 187.307:

21

22 \$ 200,000

23 Sec. 6. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
24 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2026, if 2026 Iowa
25 Acts, House File 2748, or successor legislation, is enacted.

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DIVISION II

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

28 Sec. 7. GENERAL FUND.

29 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
30 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
31 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
32 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
33 purposes designated:

34 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
35 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for

1 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
2 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

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4 \$ 12,816,738

5 FTEs 1,145.95

6 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions authorized
7 to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00 full-time
8 equivalent positions shall be allocated by the department for
9 seasonal employees for purposes of providing maintenance, upkeep,
10 and sanitary services at state parks. This subsection shall not
11 impact conservation officer, park ranger, or park manager
12 positions within the department.

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

18 Sec. 8. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND
19 ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

20 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
21 protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the
22 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
23 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or
24 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
25 designated:

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

32

33 \$ 51,404,790

34 2. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use
35 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game

1 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
2 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of
3 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation,
4 as described in section 97B.49B, who retire.

5 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use
6 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
7 protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
8 ending June 30, 2027, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments
9 for departmental employees for which the general assembly has
10 made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

11 Sec. 9. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
12 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in
13 section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for the
14 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
15 from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to that
16 section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
17 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

18 For purposes of supporting the department's protection of the
19 state's groundwater, including for administration, regulation,
20 and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
21 and miscellaneous purposes:

22
23 \$ 3,455,850

24 Sec. 10. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — INTEREST AND EARNINGS
25 — WATER QUALITY.

26 1. There is appropriated from interest and earnings on moneys
27 in the groundwater protection fund created in section 455E.11 and
28 accounts therein, as described in section 455E.11, subsection 1,
29 paragraph "a", to the department of natural resources for the
30 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
31 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
32 for the purposes designated:

33 For purposes of supporting the department's protection of the
34 state's groundwater, including for administration, regulation,
35 and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,

1 and miscellaneous purposes:

2 \$ 254,150

3 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the amount appropriated in
4 this section shall not exceed the total amount of interest and
5 earnings on moneys in the groundwater protection fund and
6 accounts therein accrued during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
7 2026. In addition, the amount appropriated in this section shall
8 only be made available after the maximum amount of such interest
9 and earnings appropriated in this Act is made available to the
10 state university of Iowa to support groundwater monitoring.

11 Sec. 11. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM.

12 There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created
13 under section 321G.7 to the department of natural resources for
14 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
15 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
16 used for the purposes designated:

17 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
18 snowmobile programs:

19
20 \$ 100,000

21 Sec. 12. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There is
22 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department
23 of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026,
24 and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much
25 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

26 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

27 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
28 safety:

29
30 \$ 1,510,000

31 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
32 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
33 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood events
34 and for compiling necessary data to improve flood frequency
35 analysis.

1 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
2 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
3 of 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.

6 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

7 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
8 programs:

9
10 \$ 525,000

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

16 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

17 For supporting operations at state parks, including
18 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

19
20 \$ 1,000,000

21 4. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE

22 For structural and infrastructural repairs in state parks:

23
24 \$ 300,000

25 DIVISION III

26 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

27 Sec. 13. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There is
28 appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state
29 university of science and technology for the fiscal year
30 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
31 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
32 purposes designated:

33 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

34 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
35 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic

1 laboratory, and for not more than the following full-time
2 equivalent positions:

3

4 \$ 4,799,898

5 FTEs 51.00

6 b. (1) Iowa state university of science and technology shall
7 not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the college of
8 veterinary medicine from any other source due to the
9 appropriation made in this subsection.

10 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to a reduction made to
11 support the college of veterinary medicine if the same percentage
12 of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is
13 also imposed on all of Iowa state university of science and
14 technology's budget units.

15 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

16 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension
17 service in agriculture and home economics in providing technical
18 support to landowners and loggers regarding the management of
19 private forests in northeast Iowa, and for not more than the
20 following full-time equivalent positions:

21

22 \$ 150,000

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24 FTEs 1.00

25 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
26 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
27 economics in administering this subsection.

28 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

29 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
30 in section 267.8:

31

32 \$ 291,390

33 b. Moneys appropriated under this subsection shall be used by
34 Iowa state university of science and technology to support animal
35 disease research in areas of importance to livestock producers.

1 Sec. 14. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH FUND — VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC
2 LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there is
3 appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created in
4 section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and
5 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
6 June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
7 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

8 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine
9 for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory:

10

11 \$ 120,000

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DIVISION IV

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

14 Sec. 15. 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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or
19 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 department
24 of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate, recognize,
25 and prevent occupational illness and injury among members of the
26 agricultural community:

27

28 \$ 128,154

29 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
30 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the director of
31 Iowa’s center for agricultural safety and health employed on the
32 effective date of this division of this Act for at least the same
33 number of hours for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, as
34 worked by the director during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
35 2025.

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

6 3. If moneys appropriated in subsection 1 revert as required
7 pursuant to section 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall
8 transfer to the general fund of the state from any otherwise
9 unencumbered or unobligated moneys from any other general fund
10 appropriation or from any moneys available from other funding
11 sources an amount equal to the amount appropriated in subsection
12 1 less any amount that reverted to the general fund of the state
13 pursuant to section 8.33.

14 Sec. 16. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — IIHR — HYDROSCIENCE
15 AND ENGINEERING — GROUNDWATER MONITORING.

16 1. There is appropriated from interest and earnings on moneys
17 in the groundwater protection fund created in section 455E.11 and
18 accounts therein, as described in section 455E.11, subsection 1,
19 paragraph "a", to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal
20 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
21 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
22 for the purposes designated:

23 To support groundwater monitoring as administered by the IIHR
24 — hydroscience and engineering within the college of engineering
25 of the state university of Iowa:

26
27 \$ 300,000

28 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the amount appropriated in
29 this section shall not exceed the total amount of interest and
30 earnings on moneys in the groundwater protection fund and
31 accounts therein accrued during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
32 2026.

33 Sec. 17. Section 16.153, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
34 by adding the following new paragraph:

35 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. (1) There is appropriated from the fund

1 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
2 July 1, 2026, and for each fiscal year thereafter, two hundred
3 fifty thousand dollars to be used by the Iowa geological survey
4 as provided in subparagraph (2).

5 (2) The moneys appropriated in subparagraph (1) shall be used
6 by the Iowa geological survey to map and assess the condition of
7 this state's aquifers. The Iowa geological survey may measure
8 the volume of the groundwater that is available for various
9 uses, the current and predicted allocations of groundwater to
10 support those uses, the recharge rate for the aquifers, and the
11 development of models for budgeting this state's water resources.

12 (3) This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2030.

13 DIVISION V

14 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

15 Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

16 There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in
17 section 8.57A to the department of agriculture and land
18 stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
19 ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof
20 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

21 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

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

26
27 \$ 1,000,000

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

31 c. Notwithstanding section 8.57A, subsection 3, or any other
32 provision of law to the contrary, the department may use moneys
33 appropriated in this subsection, in combination with other
34 appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for cost
35 sharing to match United States department of agriculture, natural

1 resources conservation service, wetlands reserve enhancement
2 program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

3 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

4 a. For continuation of a program that provides multiobjective
5 resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion
6 control, and natural resource conservation:

7

8 \$ 900,000

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

12 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

13 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
14 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and to
15 work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve
16 water quality and habitat:

17

18 \$ 900,000

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

22 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

23 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
24 conservation:

25

26 \$ 8,325,000

27 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
28 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
29 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2:

30

31 \$ 140,000

32 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred in
33 subparagraph (1) may be used for administrative costs.

34 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
35 use by the department in providing for soil and water

1 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and water
2 resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
3 districts:

4

5 \$ 8,185,000

6 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
7 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,
8 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the purpose
9 of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73 to
10 establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on
11 land that is row-cropped, including but not limited to nontill
12 planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring strip-cropping. Of
13 any remaining amount of that appropriation allocated by the
14 department to a district, 30 percent may be expended by the
15 district for that same purpose.

16 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
17 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address
18 complaints filed under section 161A.47.

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

24 g. The department's division of soil conservation and water
25 quality may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph "c" to
26 conduct research and demonstration projects to promote
27 conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control
28 practices.

29 h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as
30 provided in section 161A.73 may be used in combination with
31 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

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

35 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

3

4 \$ 3,800,000

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

7 Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
8 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
9 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
10 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
11 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
12 purposes designated:

13 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

14 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
15 staff time associated with these activities:

16

17 \$ 6,235,000

18 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

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

22

23 \$ 195,000

24 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

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

27

28 \$ 2,955,000

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 \$ 500,000

34 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

35 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as

1 provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:

2

3 \$ 1,320,000

4 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

5 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

6

7 \$ 375,000

8 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

9 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient air
10 pollution in this state, including measures as necessary to
11 assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
12 standards from particulate matter:

13

14 \$ 425,000

15 Sec. 20. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL
16 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
17 created in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa for the
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
19 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
20 for the purposes designated:

21 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS

22 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
23 geological survey of the state created pursuant to section 456.1,
24 including but not limited to providing analysis; data
25 maintenance, collection, and compilation; investigative programs;
26 and information for water supply development and protection:

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28 \$ 200,000

29 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

30 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
31 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
32 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
33 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
34 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B and
35 456.14:

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2 \$ 495,000

3 Sec. 21. REVERSION.

4 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
5 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal
6 year beginning July 1, 2026, in this division of this Act that
7 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal
8 year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
9 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding
10 fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was
11 made is completed, whichever is earlier.

12 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the
13 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in this division of this
14 Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to
15 provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent
16 soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered
17 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
18 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
19 designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1,
20 2029.

21 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred pursuant
22 to this division of this Act to the loess hills development
23 and conservation fund created in section 161D.2, which shall not
24 revert as provided in that section.

25 DIVISION VI

26 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

27 Sec. 22. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
28 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

29 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
30 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture and
31 land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
32 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as
33 is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

34 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
35 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality

1 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and
2 water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including salaries,
3 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

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5 \$ 2,375,000

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

11 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to
12 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional
13 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority
14 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council
15 established pursuant to section 466B.3.

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

18 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
19 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy as
20 defined in section 455B.171.

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

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

34 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other
35 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar

1 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day
2 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish
3 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

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

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

17 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to
18 contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts
19 provided in this section.

20 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the
21 department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts,
22 which may include but are not limited to management practices
23 related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or
24 pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys
25 shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in chapter
26 161A.

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

32 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
33 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
34 and implementing the water quality initiative by the department's
35 division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in

1 section 466B.42 and this section.

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DIVISION VII

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RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

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Sec. 23. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in section 455A.19:

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..... \$ 12,000,000

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Sec. 24. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK

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MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.

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Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund, up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural resources for state park maintenance, development, operations, and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

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DIVISION VIII

23

ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

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Sec. 25. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

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1. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease prevention fund created in section 165.18 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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a. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy developed under section 163.3C:

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2 \$ 150,000

3 b. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines
4 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that
5 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:

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7 \$ 100,000

8 c. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and
9 response fund created in section 163.3B:

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11 \$ 200,000

12 d. For purposes of upgrading information technology resources
13 used by the department:

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15 \$ 160,000

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

21 Sec. 26. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — IOWA STATE
22 UNIVERSITY. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease
23 prevention fund created in section 165.18 to Iowa state
24 university of science and technology for the fiscal year
25 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
26 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
27 purposes designated:

28 To assist the college of veterinary medicine veterinary
29 diagnostic laboratory in installing and moving equipment into its
30 refurbished facility:

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32 \$ 100,000

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EXPLANATION

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

1 This bill relates to and makes appropriations for FY 2026-2027
2 involving state government entities associated with agriculture,
3 natural resources, and environmental protection, including the
4 department of agriculture and land stewardship (DALs), department
5 of natural resources (DNR), Iowa state university of science and
6 technology (ISU), and state university of Iowa (UI).

7 DALs. The bill appropriates moneys from the general fund of
8 the state (GF) to DALs for general operations, ISU's midwest
9 grape and wine industry institute, dairy regulation, the local
10 food and farm program, agricultural education, foreign animal
11 disease preparedness and response, the farmers with disabilities
12 program, loess hills development and conservation, southern Iowa
13 development and conservation, grain regulation, the choose Iowa
14 fund, and the choose Iowa food bank purchasing program. The
15 bill also appropriates moneys to DALs from pari-mutuel wagering
16 winnings for administration and enforcement of horse and dog
17 racing, and from the renewable fuel infrastructure fund for motor
18 fuel inspections. The bill appropriates moneys from the general
19 fund of the state to DALs for the choose Iowa school purchasing
20 program contingent on the enactment of legislation creating the
21 program.

22 DNR. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to DNR
23 for general operations, floodplain management and dam safety,
24 forestry health management, and state park operations and
25 maintenance. The bill also appropriates moneys to DNR from the
26 state fish and game protection fund for various activities, from
27 the groundwater protection fund for DNR's groundwater protection
28 activities, and from the special snowmobile fund for snowmobile
29 programs.

30 ISU. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to ISU for the
31 veterinary diagnostic laboratory, management of private forests,
32 and livestock disease research. The bill also appropriates
33 moneys from the Iowa nutrient research fund to ISU for the
34 veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

35 UI. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to UI for the

1 center for agricultural safety and health, from the groundwater
2 protection fund to UI for purposes of groundwater monitoring,
3 and from the water quality financing program fund to UI for
4 mapping and assessing the condition of Iowa's aquifers by the
5 Iowa geological survey.

6 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND. The bill appropriates moneys from the
7 environment first fund (EFF) to DALs for the conservation reserve
8 enhancement program, watershed protection, the conservation
9 reserve program, soil and water conservation, and the water
10 quality initiative fund; to DNR for state park maintenance and
11 operations, the geographic information system, water quality
12 monitoring, the public water supply system account, regulation of
13 animal feeding operations, floodplain management and dam safety,
14 and ambient air quality; and to UI for Iowa geological survey
15 operations and water resource management.

16 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION. For FY 2026-2027, the
17 bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to the Iowa resources
18 enhancement and protection (REAP) fund in lieu of the standing GF
19 appropriation. The bill also allows certain moneys in the open
20 spaces account of the REAP fund to be used by DNR for state park
21 maintenance, development, operations, and facility refurbishment.

22 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE. The bill
23 appropriates moneys from the Iowa animal disease prevention fund
24 to DALs and ISU to support various activities relating to animal
25 disease preparedness and response.