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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3190)

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

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; and for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 20,377,294

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. 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:

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

1 \$ 305,516

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

9 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
10 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

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12 \$ 500,000

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

19 1. DAIRY REGULATION

20 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
21 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
22 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

23

24 \$ 189,196

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

30 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

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

33

34 \$ 125,000

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 and
4 home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

5 c. 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.

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 \$ 150,000

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

21 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

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

24
25 \$ 1,050,000

26 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

27 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
28 disabilities:

29
30 \$ 230,000

31 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be used
32 for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
33 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
34 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
35 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally

1 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated in
2 at least 30 other states, but is not available through any other
3 entity in this state, and that provides assistance to farmers
4 with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the farmers to
5 remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged in farming
6 through provision of agricultural worksite and home modification
7 consultations, peer support services, services to families,
8 information and referral, and equipment loan services.

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

14 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

17

18 \$ 300,000

19 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
20 \$270,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

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

23 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
24 \$30,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
25 account.

26 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated 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 \$ 100,000

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

35 8. GRAIN REGULATION

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

4

5 \$ 350,000

6 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND

7 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section
8 187.201:

9

10 \$ 2,113,000

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

14 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
15 department may use up to \$1,113,000 to support the choose Iowa
16 promotional program as provided in chapter 187, subchapter III,
17 part 1.

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

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

29 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM

30 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food purchasing
31 program to assist eligible participants in purchasing qualified
32 food products pursuant to section 187.331:

33

34 \$ 200,000

35 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this

1 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
2 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
3 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
4 the succeeding fiscal year.

5 DIVISION II

6 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

7 Sec. 5. GENERAL FUND.

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

13 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
14 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; and for
15 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

16
17 \$ 12,816,738

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

23 Sec. 6. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND
24 ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

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

31 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
32 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
33 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
34 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
35 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and

1 miscellaneous purposes:

2

3 \$ 53,095,606

4 2. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use
5 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
6 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
7 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of
8 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation,
9 as described in section 97B.49B, who retire.

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

16 Sec. 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
17 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in
18 section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for the
19 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
20 from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to that
21 section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
22 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

23 For purposes of supporting the department’s protection of the
24 state’s groundwater, including for administration, regulation,
25 and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
26 and miscellaneous purposes:

27

28 \$ 3,455,850

29 Sec. 8. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM. There
30 is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created under
31 section 321G.7 to the department of natural resources for the
32 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
33 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
34 for the purposes designated:

35 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state

1 snowmobile programs:

2

3 \$ 100,000

4 Sec. 9. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There is
5 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department
6 of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026,
7 and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much
8 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

9 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

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

12

13 \$ 1,510,000

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

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

24 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

25 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
26 programs:

27

28 \$ 525,000

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

34 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

35 For supporting operations at state parks, including

1 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

2

3 \$ 1,000,000

4 4. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE

5 For structural and infrastructural repairs in state parks:

6

7 \$ 300,000

8 DIVISION III

9 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

10 Sec. 10. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There is
11 appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state
12 university of science and technology for the fiscal year
13 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
14 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
15 purposes designated:

16 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

17 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
18 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
19 laboratory:

20

21 \$ 4,799,898

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

26 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to a reduction made to
27 support the college of veterinary medicine if the same percentage
28 of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is
29 also imposed on all of Iowa state university of science and
30 technology's budget units.

31 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

32 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension
33 service in agriculture and home economics in providing technical
34 support to landowners and loggers regarding the management of
35 private forests in northeast Iowa:

1

2 \$ 150,000

3 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
4 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
5 economics in administering this subsection.

6 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

7 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
8 in section 267.8:

9

10 \$ 291,390

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

14 Sec. 11. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH FUND — VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC
15 LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there is
16 appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created in
17 section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and
18 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
19 June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
20 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

23

24 \$ 120,000

25 DIVISION IV

26 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

27 Sec. 12. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
28 (I-CASH).

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

34 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
35 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's

1 college of public health, and in cooperation with the department
2 of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate, recognize,
3 and prevent occupational illness and injury among members of the
4 agricultural community:

5

6 \$ 128,154

7 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
8 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the director of
9 Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health employed on the
10 effective date of this division of this Act for at least the same
11 number of hours for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, as
12 worked by the director during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
13 2025.

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

19 3. If moneys appropriated in subsection 1 revert as required
20 pursuant to section 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall
21 transfer to the general fund of the state from any otherwise
22 unencumbered or unobligated moneys from any other general fund
23 appropriation or from any moneys available from other funding
24 sources an amount equal to the amount appropriated in subsection
25 1 less any amount that reverted to the general fund of the state
26 pursuant to section 8.33.

27 Sec. 13. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY — GROUNDWATER PLANNING AND
28 RESOURCE ASSESSMENT PROJECT.

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

34 For purposes of supporting a groundwater planning and resource
35 assessment project to be administered by the Iowa geological

1 survey of the state created pursuant to section 456.1:

2

3 \$ 200,000

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

11 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
12 subsection 1 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 in subsection 1.

15 DIVISION V

16 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

17 Sec. 14. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

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

23 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

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

28

29 \$ 1,000,000

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

33 c. Notwithstanding section 8.57A, subsection 3, or any other
34 provision of law to the contrary, the department may use moneys
35 appropriated in this subsection, in combination with other

1 appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for cost
2 sharing to match United States department of agriculture, natural
3 resources conservation service, wetlands reserve enhancement
4 program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

5 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

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

9
10 \$ 900,000

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

14 3. CONSERVATION BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM

15 a. To encourage and assist farmers to establish and maintain
16 conservation buffer strip practices and to work with them to
17 enhance their revegetation efforts to improve water quality and
18 habitat:

19
20 \$ 900,000

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

24 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

25 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
26 conservation:

27
28 \$ 8,325,000

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

32
33 \$ 140,000

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

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

6

7 \$ 8,185,000

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

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

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

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

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

34 i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated in
35 paragraph "c" may be used for costs of administration and

1 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

2 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

5

6 \$ 3,800,000

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

9 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
10 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
11 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
12 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
13 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
14 purposes designated:

15 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

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

18

19 \$ 6,235,000

20 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

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

24

25 \$ 195,000

26 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

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

29

30 \$ 2,955,000

31 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

32 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
33 water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:

34

35 \$ 500,000

1 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

2 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as
3 provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:

4

5 \$ 1,320,000

6 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

7 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

8

9 \$ 375,000

10 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

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

15

16 \$ 425,000

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

23 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS

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

29

30 \$ 200,000

31 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

32 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
33 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
34 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
35 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter

1 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B and
2 456.14:

3

4 \$ 495,000

5 Sec. 17. REVERSION.

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

14 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the
15 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in this division of this
16 Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to
17 provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent
18 soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered
19 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
20 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
21 designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1,
22 2029.

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

27 DIVISION VI

28 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

29 Sec. 18. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
30 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

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

1 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
2 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
3 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and
4 water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including salaries,
5 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

6

7 \$ 2,375,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
35 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering

1 and implementing the water quality initiative by the department's
2 division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in
3 section 466B.42 and this section.

4 DIVISION VII

5 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

6 Sec. 19. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
7 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is
8 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
9 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund for
10 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
11 the following amount, to be allocated as provided in section
12 455A.19:

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14 \$ 12,000,000

15 Sec. 20. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK
16 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.

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

24 DIVISION VIII

25 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

26 Sec. 21. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — DEPARTMENT OF
27 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

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

34 a. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment to
35 further the implementation of the foreign animal disease

1 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
2 163.3C:

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4 \$ 250,000

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

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9 \$ 500,000

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

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13 \$ 100,000

14 d. For purposes of upgrading information technology resources
15 used by the department:

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17 \$ 450,000

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

23 Sec. 22. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — IOWA STATE
24 UNIVERSITY.

25 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease
26 prevention fund created in section 165.18 to Iowa state
27 university of science and technology for the fiscal year
28 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
29 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
30 purposes designated:

31 For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created in
32 section 267.8:

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34 \$ 100,000

35 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used by

1 Iowa state university of science and technology to support animal
2 disease research in areas of importance to livestock producers.

3 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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

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

1 veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

2 UI. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to UI for the
3 center for agricultural safety and health and for a groundwater
4 planning and resource assessment project administered by the Iowa
5 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 buffer strip 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.