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SENATE FILE 646
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1230)

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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, 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:
..... \$ 20,062,310
..... 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:

..... \$ 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 shall 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, 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:

..... \$ 305,516

1 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL
2 INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel
3 infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the department
4 of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
5 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
6 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
7 designated:

8 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
9 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
10 \$ 500,000

11 Sec. 4. SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND — BUTCHERY
12 INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.

13 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and job
14 creation fund created in section 8.57J to the department of
15 agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
16 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
17 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
18 designated:

19 For support of the butchery innovation and revitalization
20 program established pursuant to 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1148,
21 section 28, to award financial assistance to eligible businesses
22 for projects based on criteria described in section 15E.370:
23 \$ 249,695

24 2. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
25 moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to pay for the costs of
26 administering the program described in subsection 1.

27 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
28 subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
29 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
30 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
31 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027.

32 Sec. 5. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
33 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
34 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for
35 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,

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

3 1. DAIRY REGULATION

4 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
5 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
6 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

7 \$ 189,196

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

13 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

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

16 \$ 75,000

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

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

27 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

31 \$ 150,000

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

1 the succeeding fiscal year.

2 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

3 a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and
4 response fund created in section 163.3B to further implement a
5 foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy as
6 described in section 163.3C:

7 \$ 1,050,000

8 b. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and
9 response fund created in section 163.3B, for purposes of
10 purchasing and maintaining equipment to further the
11 implementation of the foreign animal disease preparedness and
12 response strategy developed under section 163.3C:

13 \$ 250,000

14 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

15 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
16 disabilities:

17 \$ 230,000

18 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be used
19 for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
20 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
21 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
22 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
23 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated in
24 at least 30 other states, but is not available through any other
25 entity in this state, and that provides assistance to farmers
26 with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the farmers to
27 remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged in farming
28 through provision of agricultural worksite and home modification
29 consultations, peer support services, services to families,
30 information and referral, and equipment loan services.

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

1 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

4 \$ 400,000

5 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
6 \$360,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

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

9 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
10 \$40,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
11 account.

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

14 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

17 \$ 200,000

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

20 8. GRAIN REGULATION

21 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203 and
22 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
23 purposes:

24 \$ 350,000

25 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND

26 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section
27 187.201:

28 \$ 1,813,000

29 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
30 department shall use \$463,000 to support the value-added
31 agricultural grant program created in section 187.321.

32 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
33 department shall use \$600,000 to support the choose Iowa
34 promotional program as provided in chapter 187, subchapter III,
35 part 1.

1 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
2 department shall use \$750,000 to support the dairy innovation and
3 revitalization program created in section 187.311.

4 c. The department may increase or decrease the amount of
5 moneys used to support a program described in paragraph "b" based
6 on the amount of moneys awarded to persons participating in the
7 program. The department shall publish a notice of the
8 department's action to increase or decrease the amount on the
9 department's internet site where the programs are advertised at
10 least thirty days prior to the day that the department takes such
11 action.

12 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PILOT PROJECT

13 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food purchasing
14 pilot project created in 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1148, section 5,
15 to assist eligible participants in purchasing qualified food
16 products:

17 \$ 200,000

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

23 DIVISION II

24 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

25 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND.

26 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
27 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
28 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
29 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
30 purposes designated:

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

35 \$ 12,500,000

1 FTEs 1,145.95

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

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

14 Sec. 7. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND
15 ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

16 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
17 protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the
18 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
20 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
21 designated:

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

28 \$ 51,404,790

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

35 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use

1 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
2 protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
3 ending June 30, 2026, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments
4 for departmental employees for which the general assembly has
5 made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

6 Sec. 8. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
7 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in
8 section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,
10 from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to that
11 section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
12 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

17 \$ 3,455,850

18 Sec. 9. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM. There
19 is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created under
20 section 321G.7 to the department of natural resources for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
22 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
23 for the purposes designated:

24 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
25 snowmobile programs:

26 \$ 100,000

27 Sec. 10. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
28 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
29 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
30 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
31 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
32 purposes designated:

33 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

34 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
35 safety:

1 \$ 1,510,000

2 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
3 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
4 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood events
5 and for compiling necessary data to improve flood frequency
6 analysis.

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

12 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

13 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
14 programs:

15 \$ 525,000

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 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

22 For supporting operations at state parks, including
23 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

24 \$ 1,000,000

25 DIVISION III

26 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

27 Sec. 11. SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, 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 \$ 4,500,000
4 FTEs 51.00

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

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

14 c. If by June 30, 2026, Iowa state university of science and
15 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this
16 subsection to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance
17 with this subsection, the moneys appropriated in this subsection
18 for that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the
19 state.

20 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

21 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension
22 service in agriculture and home economics in providing technical
23 support to landowners and loggers regarding the management of
24 private forests in northeast Iowa, and for not more than the
25 following full-time equivalent positions:

26 \$ 150,000
27 FTEs 1.00

28 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
29 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
30 economics in administering this subsection.

31 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

32 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
33 in section 267.8:

34 \$ 291,390

35 b. Moneys appropriated under this subsection 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 Sec. 12. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND — VETERINARY
4 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there is
5 appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created in
6 section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and
7 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
8 June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
9 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

10 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine
11 for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory:
12 \$ 120,000

13 DIVISION IV

14 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

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

17 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
18 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
20 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
21 designated:

22 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
23 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
24 college of public health, and in cooperation with the department
25 of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate, recognize,
26 and prevent occupational illness and injury among members of the
27 agricultural community:
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, 2025, as
34 worked by the director during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
35 2024.

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 by June 30, 2026, the state university of Iowa fails to
7 use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance with
8 the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
9 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection 1
10 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
11 2026, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
12 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section 8.33,
13 the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the general fund
14 of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or unobligated
15 moneys from any other general fund appropriation or from any
16 moneys available from other funding sources an amount equal to
17 the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any amount that
18 reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant to section
19 8.33.

20 DIVISION V

21 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

23 There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in
24 section 8.57A to the department of agriculture and land
25 stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
26 ending June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so much thereof
27 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

28 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

29 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
30 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
31 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
32 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
33 \$ 1,000,000

34 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
35 paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and

1 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

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

8 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

9 a. For continuation of a program that provides multiobjective
10 resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion
11 control, and natural resource conservation:

12 \$ 900,000

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

16 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

17 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
18 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and to
19 work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve
20 water quality and habitat:

21 \$ 900,000

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

25 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

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

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 \$ 140,000

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

35 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for

1 use by the department in providing for soil and water
2 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and water
3 resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
4 districts:

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 division of soil conservation and water quality
25 created within the department pursuant to section 159.5 may
26 allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph "c" to conduct research
27 and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and
28 nonpoint source pollution control 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 \$ 3,800,000

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

6 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
7 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
8 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
9 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
10 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
11 purposes designated:

12 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

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

15 \$ 6,235,000

16 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

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

20 \$ 195,000

21 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

22 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
23 quality monitoring stations:

24 \$ 2,955,000

25 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

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

28 \$ 500,000

29 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

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

32 \$ 1,320,000

33 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

34 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

35 \$ 375,000

1 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

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

6 \$ 425,000

7 Sec. 16. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

8 There is appropriated from the environment first fund created
9 in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal
10 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
11 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
12 for the purposes designated:

13 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS

14 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
15 geological survey of the state as created within the state
16 university of Iowa pursuant to section 456.1, including but not
17 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection, and
18 compilation; investigative programs; and information for water
19 supply development and protection:

20 \$ 200,000

21 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

22 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
23 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
24 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
25 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
26 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B and
27 456.14:

28 \$ 495,000

29 Sec. 17. REVERSION.

30 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
31 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal
32 year beginning July 1, 2025, in this division of this Act that
33 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal
34 year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
35 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding

1 fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was
2 made is completed, whichever is earlier.

3 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the
4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in this division of this
5 Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to
6 provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent
7 soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered
8 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
9 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
10 designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1,
11 2028.

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

16 DIVISION VI

17 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

20 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
21 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture and
22 land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
23 ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as
24 is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

25 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
26 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
27 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and
28 water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including salaries,
29 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

30 \$ 2,375,000

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

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

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

8 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
9 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy as
10 defined in section 455B.171.

11 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
12 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
13 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
14 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
15 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal
16 interest in agricultural land located within the same
17 subwatershed.

18 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on a
19 cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, except
20 for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the amount
21 shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of establishing
22 the practice as determined by the division or 50 percent of the
23 actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is less.

24 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other
25 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar
26 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day
27 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish
28 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

29 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
30 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period after
31 accumulating information from such evaluations, the division
32 shall create an aggregated database of water quality practices.
33 Any information identifying a person holding a legal interest in
34 agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a
35 confidential record under section 22.7.

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

7 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to
8 contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts
9 provided in this section.

10 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the
11 department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts,
12 which may include but are not limited to management practices
13 related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or
14 pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys
15 shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in chapter
16 161A.

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

22 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
23 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
24 and implementing the water quality initiative by the department's
25 division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in
26 section 466B.42 and this section.

27 DIVISION VII

28 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

29 Sec. 19. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
30 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is
31 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
32 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund for
33 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,
34 the following amount, to be allocated as provided in section
35 455A.19:

1 \$ 12,000,000

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

4 Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
5 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
6 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund, up
7 to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural resources
8 for state park maintenance, development, operations, and facility
9 refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
10 ending on June 30, 2026.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill relates to and makes appropriations for FY 2025-2026
15 involving state government entities associated with agriculture,
16 natural resources, and environmental protection, including the
17 department of agriculture and land stewardship (DALs), department
18 of natural resources (DNR), Iowa state university of science and
19 technology (ISU), and state university of Iowa (UI).

20 DALs. The bill appropriates moneys from the general fund of
21 the state (GF) to DALs for general operations, ISU's midwest
22 grape and wine industry institute, dairy regulation, the local
23 food and farm program, agricultural education, foreign animal
24 disease preparedness and response, the farmers with disabilities
25 program, loess hills development and conservation, southern Iowa
26 development and conservation, grain regulation, the choose Iowa
27 fund, and the choose Iowa food purchasing pilot project. The
28 bill also appropriates moneys to DALs from pari-mutuel wagering
29 winnings for administration and enforcement of horse and dog
30 racing, from the renewable fuel infrastructure fund for motor
31 fuel inspections, and from the Iowa skilled worker and job
32 creation fund for the butchery innovation and revitalization
33 program.

34 DNR. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to DNR
35 for general operations, floodplain management and dam safety,

1 forestry health management, and state park operations. The bill
2 also appropriates moneys to DNR from the state fish and game
3 protection fund for various activities, from the groundwater
4 protection fund for DNR's groundwater protection activities, and
5 from the special snowmobile fund for snowmobile programs.

6 ISU. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to ISU for the
7 veterinary diagnostic laboratory, management of private forests,
8 and livestock disease research. The bill also appropriates
9 moneys from the Iowa nutrient research fund to ISU for the
10 veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

11 UI. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to UI for the
12 center for agricultural health and safety.

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

23 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION. For FY 2025-2026, the
24 bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to the Iowa resource
25 enhancement and protection (REAP) fund in lieu of the standing GF
26 appropriation. The bill also allows certain moneys in the open
27 spaces account of the REAP fund to be used by DNR for state park
28 maintenance, development, operations, and facility refurbishment.