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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state  
2 government entities associated with agriculture, natural  
3 resources, and environmental protection.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

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, 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 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

Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel

1 infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the department  
2 of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning  
3 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or  
4 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
5 designated:

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

9 Sec. 4. SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND — BUTCHERY  
10 INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.

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

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

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

25 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
26 subsection 1 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027.

30 Sec. 5. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO  
31 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
32 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for  
33 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,  
34 the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
35 used for the purposes designated:

1 1. DAIRY REGULATION

2 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section  
3 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and  
4 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

5 ..... \$ 189,196

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

11 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

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

14 ..... \$ 75,000

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

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

25 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

29 ..... \$ 150,000

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 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

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

5 ..... \$ 1,050,000

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

11 ..... \$ 250,000

12 c. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and  
13 response fund created in section 163.3B, for purposes of  
14 assisting in the development of vaccines against foreign animal  
15 diseases by a company based in Iowa that develops livestock and  
16 other animal vaccines:

17 ..... \$ 500,000

18 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

19 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with  
20 disabilities:

21 ..... \$ 230,000

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

35 c. 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 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

8 ..... \$ 400,000

9 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,  
10 \$360,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

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

13 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,  
14 \$40,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance  
15 account.

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

18 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

21 ..... \$ 200,000

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

24 8. GRAIN REGULATION

25 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203 and  
26 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
27 purposes:

28 ..... \$ 350,000

29 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND

30 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section  
31 187.201:

32 ..... \$ 1,813,000

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

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

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

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

16 10. MARKET REPORTING

17 a. For purposes of continuing data collection and reporting  
18 for a daily grain or livestock report:

19 ..... \$ 200,000

20 b. The department shall report data at a minimum at the  
21 county level and make the report available for public  
22 consumption.

23 11. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PILOT PROJECT

24 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food purchasing  
25 pilot project to assist eligible participants in purchasing  
26 qualified food products pursuant to section 187.304:

27 ..... \$ 200,000

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

33 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **187.304 Choose Iowa food purchasing**  
34 **pilot project.**

35 1. There is created within the department a choose Iowa

1 food purchasing pilot project as described in 2024 Iowa Acts,  
2 ch. 1148, §5.

3 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, the department shall  
4 administer the pilot project based on the farm-to-school program  
5 described in chapter 190A, in which the department reimburses  
6 a school or school district for the purchase of a food product  
7 originating from a farm source.

8 3. The department shall administer the pilot project  
9 according to all of the following:

10 a. A farm or business that owns or operates the farm source  
11 shall be given a preference to participate in the pilot project  
12 if the farm or business is currently participating in the choose  
13 Iowa promotional program as provided in this part 1 of subchapter  
14 III. Otherwise, a farm or business may participate in the pilot  
15 project if the farm or business has applied to participate in  
16 the choose Iowa promotional program and the department determines  
17 that the application will be approved.

18 b. An eligible participant is limited to any of the  
19 following:

20 (1) A public or private school or a school district, if the  
21 public or private school or school district is not currently  
22 participating in the farm-to-school program.

23 (2) An Iowa food bank or an Iowa emergency feeding  
24 organization, recognized by the department.

25 c. A qualified food product is limited to the following:

26 (1) For a school or school district, meat and poultry, dairy  
27 products other than milk, eggs, honey, and produce.

28 (2) For an Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding  
29 organization, meat and poultry, dairy products, eggs, honey, and  
30 produce.

31 d. The department is not required to follow a requirement in  
32 chapter 190A that the department determines is not practical for  
33 the pilot project.

34 4. a. Of the moneys appropriated to support the pilot  
35 project in a fiscal year, not more than one hundred thousand

1 dollars shall be used to reimburse schools or school districts  
2 and not more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be  
3 used to reimburse Iowa food banks and Iowa emergency feeding  
4 organizations.

5 b. An eligible participant shall be reimbursed on a matching  
6 basis with the department contributing one dollar for every one  
7 dollar expended by the eligible participant.

8 c. (1) A school or school district shall not receive more  
9 than one thousand dollars per fiscal year for participating in  
10 the pilot project.

11 (2) An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization  
12 shall not receive more than twenty-five thousand dollars per  
13 fiscal year for participating in the pilot project.

14 5. The department may use not more than five percent of the  
15 moneys appropriated to support the pilot project in a fiscal year  
16 to pay for the costs of administering the pilot project.

17 6. The department shall prepare and submit a report regarding  
18 its findings and recommendations to the governor and general  
19 assembly not later than January 15 of each year.

20 7. This section is repealed July 1, 2030.

21 DIVISION II

22 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

23 Sec. 7. GENERAL FUND.

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

29 For purposes of supporting the department, including its  
30 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs, and for  
31 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:  
32 ..... \$ 12,816,738

33 2. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the  
34 fiscal year to the general assembly and the department of  
35 management. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure

1 of moneys appropriated under this section to support the  
2 department's administration, regulation, and programs.

3 Sec. 8. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND  
4 ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

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

11 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of  
12 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,  
13 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,  
14 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and  
15 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and  
16 miscellaneous purposes:

17 ..... \$ 51,404,790

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

24 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use  
25 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game  
26 protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and  
27 ending June 30, 2026, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments  
28 for departmental employees for which the general assembly has  
29 made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

30 Sec. 9. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There  
31 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in  
32 section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for the  
33 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,  
34 from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to that  
35 section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is

1 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2 For purposes of supporting the department's protection of the  
3 state's groundwater, including for administration, regulation,  
4 and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,  
5 and miscellaneous purposes:

6 ..... \$ 3,455,850

7 Sec. 10. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM.

8 There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created  
9 under section 321G.7 to the department of natural resources for  
10 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,  
11 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
12 used for the purposes designated:

13 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state  
14 snowmobile programs:

15 ..... \$ 100,000

16 Sec. 11. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO

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

22 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

23 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam  
24 safety:

25 ..... \$ 1,510,000

26 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to  
27 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install  
28 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood events  
29 and for compiling necessary data to improve flood frequency  
30 analysis.

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 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

2 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management  
3 programs:

4 ..... \$ 525,000

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.

10 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

11 For supporting operations at state parks, including  
12 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

13 ..... \$ 1,000,000

14 DIVISION III

15 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

16 Sec. 12. SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is  
17 appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state  
18 university of science and technology for the fiscal year  
19 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following  
20 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
21 purposes designated:

22 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

23 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary  
24 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic  
25 laboratory:

26 ..... \$ 5,500,000

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

31 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to a reduction made to  
32 support the college of veterinary medicine if the same percentage  
33 of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is  
34 also imposed on all of Iowa state university of science and  
35 technology's budget units.

1 c. If by June 30, 2026, Iowa state university of science and  
2 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this  
3 subsection to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance  
4 with this subsection, the moneys appropriated in this subsection  
5 for that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the  
6 state.

7 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

8 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension  
9 service in agriculture and home economics in providing technical  
10 support to landowners and loggers regarding the management of  
11 private forests in northeast Iowa:

12 ..... \$ 150,000

13 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with  
14 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home  
15 economics in administering this subsection.

16 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

17 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created  
18 in section 267.8:

19 ..... \$ 291,390

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

23 Sec. 13. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND — VETERINARY  
24 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there is  
25 appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created in  
26 section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and  
27 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
28 June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as is  
29 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

30 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine  
31 for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory:  
32 ..... \$ 120,000

33 DIVISION IV

34 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

35 Sec. 14. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

1 (I-CASH).

2 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
3 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning  
4 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or  
5 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
6 designated:

7 For supporting the operations of Iowa’s center for  
8 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university’s  
9 college of public health, and in cooperation with the department  
10 of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate, recognize,  
11 and prevent occupational illness and injury among members of the  
12 agricultural community:

13 ..... \$ 128,154

14 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection  
15 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the director of  
16 Iowa’s center for agricultural safety and health employed on the  
17 effective date of this division of this Act for at least the same  
18 number of hours for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as  
19 worked by the director during the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
20 2024.

21 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection 1,  
22 the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount  
23 allocated to support Iowa’s center for agricultural safety and  
24 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in  
25 subsection 1.

26 3. If by June 30, 2026, the state university of Iowa fails to  
27 use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance with  
28 the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any  
29 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection 1  
30 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,  
31 2026, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In  
32 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section 8.33,  
33 the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the general fund  
34 of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or unobligated  
35 moneys from any other general fund appropriation or from any

1 moneys available from other funding sources an amount equal to  
2 the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any amount that  
3 reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant to section  
4 8.33.

5 DIVISION V

6 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

13 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

14 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to  
15 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting  
16 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water  
17 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:  
18 ..... \$ 1,000,000

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

28 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

29 a. For continuation of a program that provides multiobjective  
30 resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion  
31 control, and natural resource conservation:  
32 ..... \$ 900,000

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

1 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

2 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the  
3 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and to  
4 work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve  
5 water quality and habitat:

6 ..... \$ 900,000

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

10 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

11 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water  
12 conservation:

13 ..... \$ 8,325,000

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

17 ..... \$ 140,000

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

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

25 ..... \$ 8,185,000

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

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

4 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent  
5 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish  
6 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of the  
7 state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section  
8 161A.73.

9 g. The division of soil conservation and water quality  
10 created within the department pursuant to section 159.5 may  
11 allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph "c" to conduct research  
12 and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and  
13 nonpoint source pollution control practices.

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

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

20 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

23 ..... \$ 3,800,000

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

26 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is  
27 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section  
28 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year  
29 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following  
30 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
31 purposes designated:

32 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

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

35 ..... \$ 6,235,000

1     2.   GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)  
2     To provide local watershed managers with geographic  
3 information system data for their use in developing, monitoring,  
4 and displaying results of their watershed work:  
5 ..... \$     195,000  
6     3.   WATER QUALITY MONITORING  
7     For continuing the establishment and operation of water  
8 quality monitoring stations:  
9 ..... \$    2,955,000  
10    4.   PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT  
11    For deposit in the public water supply system account of the  
12 water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:  
13 ..... \$     500,000  
14    5.   REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS  
15    For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as  
16 provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:  
17 ..... \$    1,320,000  
18    6.   FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY  
19    For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:  
20 ..... \$     375,000  
21    7.   AMBIENT AIR QUALITY  
22    For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient air  
23 pollution in this state, including measures as necessary to  
24 assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality  
25 standards from particulate matter:  
26 ..... \$     425,000  
27    Sec. 17.   STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.  
28    There is appropriated from the environment first fund created  
29 in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal  
30 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the  
31 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used  
32 for the purposes designated:  
33    1.   IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS  
34    For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa  
35 geological survey of the state as created within the state

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

5 ..... \$ 200,000

6 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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

13 ..... \$ 495,000

14 Sec. 18. REVERSION.

15 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and  
16 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal  
17 year beginning July 1, 2025, in this division of this Act that  
18 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal  
19 year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure  
20 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding  
21 fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was  
22 made is completed, whichever is earlier.

23 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the  
24 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in this division of this  
25 Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to  
26 provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent  
27 soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered  
28 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert  
29 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes  
30 designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
31 2028.

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

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DIVISION VI

ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

..... \$ 2,375,000

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

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

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

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

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal

1 interest in agricultural land located within the same  
2 subwatershed.

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

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

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

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

27 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to  
28 contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts  
29 provided in this section.

30 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the  
31 department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts,  
32 which may include but are not limited to management practices  
33 related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or  
34 pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys  
35 shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in chapter

1 161A.

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

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

12 DIVISION VII

13 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

14 Sec. 20. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In  
15 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is  
16 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section  
17 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund for  
18 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,  
19 the following amount, to be allocated as provided in section  
20 455A.19:

21 ..... \$ 12,000,000

22 Sec. 21. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK  
23 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.

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

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill relates to and makes appropriations for FY 2025-2026  
35 involving state government entities associated with agriculture,

1 natural resources, and environmental protection, including the  
2 department of agriculture and land stewardship (DALs), department  
3 of natural resources (DNR), Iowa state university of science and  
4 technology (ISU), and state university of Iowa (UI).

5 DALs. The bill appropriates moneys from the general fund of  
6 the state (GF) to DALs for general operations, ISU's midwest  
7 grape and wine industry institute, dairy regulation, the local  
8 food and farm program, agricultural education, foreign animal  
9 disease preparedness and response, the farmers with disabilities  
10 program, loess hills development and conservation, southern Iowa  
11 development and conservation, grain regulation, the choose Iowa  
12 fund, the choose Iowa food purchasing pilot project, and market  
13 reporting. The bill also appropriates moneys to DALs from  
14 pari-mutuel wagering winnings for administration and enforcement  
15 of horse and dog racing, from the renewable fuel infrastructure  
16 fund for motor fuel inspections, and from the skilled worker and  
17 job creation fund for the butchery innovation and revitalization  
18 program.

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

26 ISU. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to ISU for the  
27 veterinary diagnostic laboratory, management of private forests,  
28 and livestock disease research. The bill also appropriates  
29 moneys from the Iowa nutrient research fund to ISU for the  
30 veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

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

33 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND. The bill appropriates moneys from the  
34 environment first fund (EFF) to DALs for the conservation reserve  
35 enhancement program, watershed protection, the conservation

1 reserve program, soil and water conservation, and the water  
2 quality initiative fund; to DNR for state park maintenance and  
3 operations, the geographic information system, water quality  
4 monitoring, the public water supply system account, regulation of  
5 animal feeding operations, floodplain management and dam safety,  
6 and ambient air quality; and to UI for Iowa geological survey  
7 operations and water resource management.

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

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