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HOUSE FILE 2771

BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 772)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state
2 government entities associated with agriculture, natural
3 resources, and environmental protection, and including
4 contingent effective date provisions.

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

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

Section 1. GENERAL FUND.

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

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
..... \$ 20,727,294
..... FTEs 420.00

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and technology to be used for the university's midwest grape and wine industry institute:

..... \$ 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

1 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and
2 miscellaneous purposes:

3 \$ 305,516

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

11 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
12 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

13 \$ 500,000

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

20 1. DAIRY REGULATION

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

24 \$ 189,196

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

30 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

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

33 \$ 125,000

34 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
35 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support

1 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
2 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
3 and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).

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

9 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

13 \$ 150,000

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

19 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

20 For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and
21 response fund created in [section 163.3B](#):

22 \$ 1,050,000

23 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

24 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
25 disabilities:

26 \$ 230,000

27 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
28 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
29 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
30 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
31 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
32 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
33 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
34 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
35 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the

1 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged
2 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
3 modification consultations, peer support services, services
4 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
5 services.

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

11 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

12 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
13 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.2](#):
14 \$ 300,000

15 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
16 \$260,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons
17 account.

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

20 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
21 \$40,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
22 account.

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

25 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

26 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and
27 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.12](#):
28 \$ 100,000

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

31 8. GRAIN REGULATION

32 For the administration and enforcement of [chapters 203](#)
33 and [203C](#), including salaries, support, maintenance, and
34 miscellaneous purposes:

35 \$ 350,000

1 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND

2 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section
3 187.201:

4 \$ 1,813,000

5 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
6 the department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the
7 value-added agricultural grant program created in section
8 187.321.

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

13 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
14 department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the dairy
15 innovation and revitalization program created in section
16 187.311.

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

25 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD BANK PURCHASING PROGRAM

26 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food
27 bank purchasing program to assist eligible participants in
28 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to [section 187.331](#):
29 \$ 200,000

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

35 PART B

1 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS

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

8 For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa school purchasing
9 program to assist eligible schools and school districts in
10 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to section 187.307:
11 \$ 200,000

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

15 DIVISION II

16 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

17 Sec. 7. GENERAL FUND.

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

23 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
24 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
25 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
26 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
27 \$ 12,816,738
28 FTEs 1,145.95

29 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions
30 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00
31 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the
32 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing
33 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.
34 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park
35 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

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

6 Sec. 8. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
7 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

8 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
9 protection fund created pursuant to [section 456A.17](#) to the
10 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount,
12 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
13 designated:

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

20 \$ 53,095,606

21 2. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may use
22 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
23 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
24 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances
25 of conservation peace officers employed in a protection
26 occupation, as described in [section 97B.49B](#), who retire.

27 3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may
28 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish
29 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
30 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as is necessary to fund
31 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the
32 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
33 subsection 1.

34 Sec. 9. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
35 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created

1 in section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for
2 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
3 2027, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to
4 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
5 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

6 For purposes of supporting the department's protection
7 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,
8 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
9 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

10 \$ 3,455,850

11 Sec. 10. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — INTEREST AND
12 EARNINGS — WATER QUALITY.

13 1. There is appropriated from interest and earnings on
14 moneys in the groundwater protection fund created in section
15 455E.11 and accounts therein, as described in section 455E.11,
16 subsection 1, paragraph "a", to the department of natural
17 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
18 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof
19 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

24 \$ 254,150

25 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the amount appropriated
26 in this section shall not exceed the total amount of interest
27 and earnings on moneys in the groundwater protection fund and
28 accounts therein accrued during the fiscal year beginning
29 July 1, 2026. In addition, the amount appropriated in this
30 section shall only be made available after the maximum amount
31 of such interest and earnings appropriated in this Act is
32 made available to the state university of Iowa to support
33 groundwater monitoring.

34 Sec. 11. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE
35 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile

1 fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural
2 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
3 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof
4 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

5 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
6 snowmobile programs:

7 \$ 100,000

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

14 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

15 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
16 safety:

17 \$ 1,510,000

18 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
19 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
20 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
21 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
22 frequency analysis.

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

28 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

29 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
30 programs:

31 \$ 525,000

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

1 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

2 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

3 For supporting operations at state parks, including
4 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

5 \$ 1,000,000

6 4. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE

7 For structural and infrastructural repairs in state parks:

8 \$ 300,000

9 DIVISION III

10 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

17 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

18 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
19 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
20 laboratory, and for not more than the following full-time
21 equivalent positions:

22 \$ 4,799,898

23 FTEs 51.00

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

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

33 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

34 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative
35 extension service in agriculture and home economics in

1 providing technical support to landowners and loggers regarding
2 the management of private forests in northeast Iowa, and for
3 not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

4 \$ 150,000
5 FTEs 1.00

6 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
7 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
8 economics in administering this subsection.

9 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

10 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund
11 created in [section 267.8](#):

12 \$ 291,390

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

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

24 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
25 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
26 laboratory:

27 \$ 120,000

28 DIVISION IV

29 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

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

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

1 designated:

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

8 \$ 128,154

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

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

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

29 Sec. 16. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — IIHR —
30 HYDROSCIENCE AND ENGINEERING — IOWA WATER QUALITY INFORMATION
31 SYSTEM (IWQIS).

32 1. There is appropriated from interest and earnings on
33 moneys in the groundwater protection fund created in section
34 455E.11 and accounts therein, as described in section 455E.11,
35 subsection 1, paragraph "a", to the state university of Iowa

1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
2 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
3 to be used for the purposes designated:

4 To support the Iowa water quality information system as
5 administered by the IIHR — hydroscience and engineering within
6 the college of engineering of the state university of Iowa:
7 \$ 300,000

8 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the amount appropriated
9 in this section shall not exceed the total amount of interest
10 and earnings on moneys in the groundwater protection fund and
11 accounts therein accrued during the fiscal year beginning July
12 1, 2026.

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

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. (1) There is appropriated from the fund
16 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
17 July 1, 2026, and for each fiscal year thereafter, two hundred
18 fifty thousand dollars to be used by the Iowa geological survey
19 as provided in subparagraph (2).

20 (2) The moneys appropriated in subparagraph (1) shall
21 be used by the Iowa geological survey to map and assess the
22 condition of this state’s aquifers. The Iowa geological survey
23 may measure the volume of the groundwater that is available
24 for various uses, the current and predicted allocations of
25 groundwater to support those uses, the recharge rate for the
26 aquifers, and the development of models for budgeting this
27 state’s water resources.

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

29 DIVISION V

30 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

31 Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND

32 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
33 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
34 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
35 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so

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

3 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

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

8 \$ 1,000,000

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

12 c. Notwithstanding section 8.57A, subsection 3, or any
13 other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use
14 moneys appropriated in this subsection, in combination with
15 other appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for
16 cost sharing to match United States department of agriculture,
17 natural resources conservation service, wetlands reserve
18 enhancement program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

19 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

20 a. For continuation of a program that provides
21 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
22 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

23 \$ 900,000

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

27 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

28 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
29 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and
30 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to
31 improve water quality and habitat:

32 \$ 900,000

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

1 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

2 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
3 conservation:

4 \$ 8,325,000

5 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
6 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
7 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):
8 \$ 140,000

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

11 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
12 for use by the department in providing for soil and water
13 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
14 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
15 districts:

16 \$ 8,185,000

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

27 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
28 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address
29 complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).

30 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
31 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
32 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
33 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
34 161A.73.

35 g. The department's division of soil conservation and

1 water quality may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph
2 "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote
3 conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control
4 practices.

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

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

11 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

14 \$ 3,800,000

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

18 Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
19 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
20 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
21 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
22 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
23 used for the purposes designated:

24 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

25 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
26 staff time associated with these activities:

27 \$ 6,235,000

28 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

29 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
30 information system data for their use in developing,
31 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

32 \$ 195,000

33 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

34 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
35 quality monitoring stations:

1 \$ 2,955,000

2 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

3 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the

4 water quality protection fund created in [section 455B.183A](#):

5 \$ 500,000

6 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

7 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including

8 as provided for in [chapters 459, 459A, and 459B](#):

9 \$ 1,320,000

10 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

11 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

12 \$ 375,000

13 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

14 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient

15 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary

16 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality

17 standards from particulate matter:

18 \$ 425,000

19 Sec. 20. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL

20 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first

21 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the state university of Iowa

22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June

23 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is

24 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

25 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS

26 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa

27 geological survey of the state created pursuant to section

28 456.1, including but not limited to providing analysis;

29 data maintenance, collection, and compilation; investigative

30 programs; and information for water supply development and

31 protection:

32 \$ 200,000

33 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

34 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in

35 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water

1 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
2 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
3 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B
4 and 456.14:

5 \$ 495,000

6 Sec. 21. REVERSION.

7 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
8 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in this division of this
10 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
11 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, or until the project for which the
14 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

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

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

28 DIVISION VI

29 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

30 Sec. 22. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
31 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

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

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

3 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
4 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
5 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
6 and water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including
7 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
8 \$ 2,375,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
2 whichever is less.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 DIVISION VII

7 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

8 Sec. 23. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
9 lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 455A.18](#), there is
10 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
11 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
12 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June
13 30, 2027, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
14 section 455A.19:

15 \$ 12,000,000

16 Sec. 24. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK
17 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.

18 Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
19 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
20 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,
21 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural
22 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,
23 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July
24 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

25 DIVISION VIII

26 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

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

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

35 a. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment

1 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease
2 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
3 163.3C:

4 \$ 150,000

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:

8 \$ 100,000

9 c. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
10 and response fund created in [section 163.3B](#):

11 \$ 200,000

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

14 \$ 160,000

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

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

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

30 \$ 100,000

31 DIVISION IX

32 NOXIOUS WEEDS — JAPANESE KNOTWEED

33 Sec. 27. Section 317.1A, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
34 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

35 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (13) Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia*

1 japonica).

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EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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

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

1 the veterinary diagnostic laboratory, management of private
2 forests, and livestock disease research. The bill also
3 appropriates moneys from the Iowa nutrient research fund to ISU
4 for the veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

5 UI. The bill appropriates moneys from the GF to UI for the
6 center for agricultural safety and health, from the groundwater
7 protection fund to UI for purposes of supporting the Iowa
8 water quality information system, and from the water quality
9 financing program fund to UI for mapping and assessing the
10 condition of Iowa's aquifers by the Iowa geological survey.

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

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

29 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE. The bill
30 appropriates moneys from the Iowa animal disease prevention
31 fund to DALs and ISU to support various activities relating to
32 animal disease preparedness and response.

33 NOXIOUS WEEDS. The bill declares Japanese knotweed
34 (*Fallopia japonica*) to be a primary noxious weed.