

House Study Bill 782 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations from the rebuild
2 Iowa infrastructure fund, technology reinvestment fund, and
3 renewable fuel infrastructure fund, providing for related
4 matters including financial assistance eligibility for
5 regional sports authority districts and department of health
6 and human services information technology systems, and
7 including effective date provisions.
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

REBUILD IOWA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Section 1. REBUILD IOWA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND —

4 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
5 infrastructure fund created in section 8.57 to the following
6 state entities for the following fiscal years, the following
7 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
8 purposes designated:

9 1. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

10 For maintenance projects at the Terrace Hill facility:

11 FY 2026-2027:

12 \$ 1,000,000

13 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

14 a. (1) For deposit in the water quality initiative fund

15 created in [section 466B.45](#) for purposes of supporting the
16 water quality initiative administered by the division of soil
17 conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#),
18 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
19 purposes, notwithstanding [section 8.57, subsection 3](#), paragraph
20 "c":

21 FY 2026-2027:

22 \$ 8,200,000

23 (2) (a) The moneys appropriated in this lettered
24 paragraph shall be used to support demonstration projects in
25 subwatersheds as designated by the department that are part
26 of high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources
27 coordinating council.

28 (b) The moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph
29 shall be used to support demonstration projects in watersheds
30 generally, including regional watersheds, as designated by the
31 division, and high-priority watersheds identified by the water
32 resources coordinating council.

33 (3) In supporting projects in watersheds and subwatersheds
34 as provided in subparagraph (2), all of the following apply:

35 (a) The demonstration projects must utilize water quality

1 practices as described in the latest revision of the document
2 entitled "Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy" initially presented
3 in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land
4 stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa
5 state university of science and technology.

6 (b) The division shall implement demonstration projects
7 as provided in subparagraph division (a) by providing
8 for participation by persons who hold a legal interest
9 in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent
10 practicable, the division shall provide for collaborative
11 participation by such persons who hold a legal interest in
12 agricultural land located within the same subwatershed.

13 (c) The division shall implement demonstration projects on
14 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. Except for
15 edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the amount shall
16 not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of establishing the
17 practice as determined by the division or 50 percent of the
18 actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is less.

19 (d) The demonstration projects shall be used to educate
20 other persons about the feasibility and value of establishing
21 similar water quality practices. The division shall promote
22 field day events for purposes of allowing interested persons to
23 establish water quality practices on such persons' agricultural
24 land.

25 (e) The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
26 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
27 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the
28 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
29 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
30 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
31 land shall be a confidential record.

32 (4) The moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph
33 shall be used to support education and outreach in a manner
34 that encourages persons who hold a legal interest in
35 agricultural land used for farming to implement water quality

1 practices, including the establishment of such practices in
2 watersheds generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or
3 high-priority watersheds.

4 (5) The moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph
5 may be used to contract with persons to coordinate the
6 implementation of efforts provided in this lettered paragraph.

7 (6) The moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph
8 may be used by the department to support urban soil and water
9 conservation efforts, which may include but are not limited
10 to management practices related to bioretention, landscaping,
11 the use of permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality
12 restoration. The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share
13 basis as provided in [chapter 161A](#).

14 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
15 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in this
16 lettered paragraph to carry out the provisions of this lettered
17 paragraph on a cost-share basis in combination with other
18 moneys available to the department from a state or federal
19 source.

20 (8) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
21 this lettered paragraph may be used for costs of administration
22 and implementation of the water quality initiative administered
23 by the division.

24 b. (1) For updating the maximum return to nitrogen modeling
25 system for fertilizer management, notwithstanding section 8.57,
26 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

27 FY 2026-2027:

28 \$ 1,000,000

29 (2) Any information received, collected, or held for
30 purposes of this lettered paragraph is a confidential record
31 exempt from public release if the information identifies a
32 person who holds a legal interest in agricultural land or who
33 has previously held a legal interest in agricultural land,
34 a person who is involved or who was previously involved in
35 managing the agricultural land or producing crops or livestock

1 on the agricultural land, or the identifiable location of the
2 agricultural land.

3 3. DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND

4 For building repairs for the building located at 524 Fourth
5 Street, Des Moines, Iowa:

6 FY 2026-2027:
7 \$ 250,000

8 4. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

9 a. For installing air conditioning at the Anamosa state
10 penitentiary:

11 FY 2026-2027:
12 \$ 1,837,500

13 b. For conducting a study to determine the anticipated
14 costs associated with installing air conditioning at the Mount
15 Pleasant correctional facility, notwithstanding section 8.57,
16 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

17 FY 2026-2027:
18 \$ 67,000

19 5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

20 a. For deposit in the community attraction and tourism
21 fund created in section 15F.204, notwithstanding section 8.57,
22 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

23 FY 2026-2027:
24 \$ 10,000,000

25 b. For deposit in the destination Iowa fund created in
26 section 15.281, notwithstanding section 8.57, subsection 3,
27 paragraph "c":

28 FY 2026-2027:
29 \$ 10,000,000

30 c. For grants to nonprofit organizations committed to
31 strengthening communities through youth development, healthy
32 living, and social responsibility for costs associated with
33 the renovation and maintenance of facility infrastructure at
34 facilities located in cities with a population of less than
35 28,000 according to the 2020 federal decennial census:

1 \$ 750,000

2 6. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

3 For conducting a study to determine the anticipated costs
4 associated with repairing the roof of the Giangreco building
5 and for related design costs, notwithstanding section 8.57,
6 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

7 FY 2026-2027:

8 \$ 600,000

9 7. IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

10 For construction of a firearms range at Camp Dodge:

11 FY 2026-2027:

12 \$ 3,700,000

13 8. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

14 a. For implementation of lake projects that have
15 established watershed improvement initiatives and community
16 support in accordance with the department's annual lake
17 restoration plan and report, notwithstanding section 8.57,
18 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

19 FY 2026-2027:

20 \$ 9,600,000

21 b. For state park infrastructure improvements:

22 FY 2026-2027:

23 \$ 5,000,000

24 c. For water trails and low head dam safety grants,
25 including grants for projects relating to eligible water
26 bodies, as defined in section 456A.33C, notwithstanding section
27 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":

28 FY 2026-2027:

29 \$ 1,500,000

30 d. For providing funding assistance to eligible
31 communities, as described in section 455E.11, subsection 2,
32 paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (d),
33 to address abandoned buildings by promoting waste abatement,
34 diversion, selective dismantlement of building components,
35 and recycling, notwithstanding section 8.57, subsection 3,

1 paragraph "c":

2 FY 2026-2027:

3 \$ 1,000,000

4 e. (1) For increasing the capacity to park vehicles at
5 designated parking areas in state parks, notwithstanding
6 section 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":

7 FY 2026-2027:

8 \$ 1,000,000

9 (2) The department of natural resources shall prioritize
10 adding the highest total number of additional parking spaces
11 at designated parking areas in state parks regardless of the
12 material used for the designated parking areas, including but
13 not limited to gravel.

14 9. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

15 a. For major maintenance projects at national guard
16 armories and facilities:

17 FY 2026-2027:

18 \$ 2,100,000

19 b. For improvement projects for Iowa national guard
20 installations and readiness centers to support operations and
21 training requirements:

22 FY 2026-2027:

23 \$ 2,100,000

24 c. For construction improvement projects at the Camp Dodge
25 facility:

26 FY 2026-2027:

27 \$ 550,000

28 d. For repairing, improving, and replacing, as applicable,
29 the runway in Sioux City used by the 185th air refueling wing:

30 FY 2026-2027:

31 \$ 10,000,000

32 e. The department of public defense shall report to the
33 general assembly by December 15, 2026, regarding the projects
34 the department has funded or intends to fund from moneys
35 appropriated to the department pursuant to paragraphs "a", "b",

1 and "c".

2 10. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

3 For payments and other costs due under a financing agreement
4 entered into by the treasurer of state for building the
5 statewide interoperable communications system pursuant to
6 section 29C.23, subsection 2, notwithstanding section 8.57,
7 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

8 FY 2026-2027:
9 \$ 2,846,011

10 11. BOARD OF REGENTS

11 a. For allocation by the state board of regents to the
12 state university of Iowa, Iowa state university of science
13 and technology, and the university of northern Iowa to
14 reimburse the institutions for deficiencies in the operating
15 funds resulting from the pledging of tuition, student fees
16 and charges, and institutional income to finance the cost of
17 providing academic and administrative buildings and facilities
18 and utility services at the institutions:

19 FY 2026-2027:
20 \$ 25,000,000

21 b. For renovation and construction of the public policy
22 center at the commons at the university of northern Iowa:

23 FY 2026-2027:
24 \$ 6,000,000

25 FY 2027-2028:
26 \$ 7,000,000

27 FY 2028-2029:
28 \$ 7,000,000

29 c. For renovation and construction of the nursing
30 simulation laboratory at the state university of Iowa:

31 FY 2026-2027:
32 \$ 7,000,000

33 FY 2027-2028:
34 \$ 7,000,000

35 FY 2028-2029:

1 \$ 6,000,000

2 12. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

3 a. For acquiring, constructing, and improving recreational

4 trails within the state:

5 FY 2026-2027:

6 \$ 2,500,000

7 b. For deposit in the public transit infrastructure grant

8 fund created in section 324A.6A, for projects that meet

9 the definition of vertical infrastructure in section 8.57,

10 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

11 FY 2026-2027:

12 \$ 1,200,000

13 c. For deposit in the railroad revolving loan and grant

14 fund created in section 327H.20A, notwithstanding section 8.57,

15 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

16 FY 2026-2027:

17 \$ 2,000,000

18 d. For vertical infrastructure improvements at commercial

19 service airports within the state:

20 FY 2026-2027:

21 \$ 1,900,000

22 e. For vertical infrastructure improvements at general

23 aviation airports within the state:

24 FY 2026-2027:

25 \$ 1,000,000

26 f. For matching the funding requirements necessary to

27 receive federal grants awarded to improve public transit by

28 replacing vehicles and constructing or expanding vehicle

29 facilities, notwithstanding section 8.57, subsection 3,

30 paragraph "c":

31 FY 2026-2027:

32 \$ 3,300,000

33 g. For deposit in the railway tracks overpass and underpass

34 fund created in section 307.19, if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts,

35 House File 882, section 1, or successor legislation:

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| 1 | FY 2026-2027: | |
| 2 | | \$ 5,000,000 |
| 3 | FY 2027-2028: | |
| 4 | | \$ 5,000,000 |
| 5 | FY 2028-2029: | |
| 6 | | \$ 5,000,000 |
| 7 | FY 2029-2030: | |
| 8 | | \$ 5,000,000 |
| 9 | FY 2030-2031: | |
| 10 | | \$ 5,000,000 |

11 13. TREASURER OF STATE

12 For distribution in accordance with chapter 174 to qualified
13 fairs that belong to the association of Iowa fairs for county
14 fair vertical infrastructure improvements:

| | | |
|----|---------------|--------------|
| 15 | FY 2026-2027: | |
| 16 | | \$ 1,060,000 |

17 14. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

18 For repairing, improving, and replacing, as applicable,
19 sidewalks at the Iowa veterans home:

| | | |
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| 20 | FY 2026-2027: | |
| 21 | | \$ 180,000 |

22 Sec. 2. REVERSION. For purposes of section 8.33, unless
23 specifically provided otherwise, unencumbered or unobligated
24 moneys from an appropriation made in this division of this Act
25 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for
26 the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year that
27 ends two years after the end of the fiscal year for which the
28 appropriation is made. However, if the project or projects for
29 which such appropriation was made are completed in an earlier
30 fiscal year, unencumbered or unobligated moneys shall revert at
31 the close of that same fiscal year.

32 Sec. 3. Section 2.12B, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 2. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
35 infrastructure fund for deposit in the state capitol

1 maintenance fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2018~~
2 2026, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of ~~five~~
3 seven hundred fifty thousand dollars.

4 DIVISION II

5 TECHNOLOGY REINVESTMENT FUND

6 Sec. 4. TECHNOLOGY REINVESTMENT FUND —

7 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the technology
8 reinvestment fund created in section 8.57C to the following
9 state entities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
10 ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof
11 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

12 1. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

13 For technology projects and upgrades:

14 \$ 697,425

15 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

16 a. (1) For the continued development and implementation
17 of an educational data warehouse that will be utilized by
18 teachers, parents, school district administrators, area
19 education agency staff, department of education staff, and
20 policymakers:

21 \$ 600,000

22 (2) Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
23 the department may use a portion for an e-transcript data
24 system capable of tracking students throughout the students'
25 education via interconnectivity with multiple schools.

26 b. For maintenance and lease costs associated with
27 connections for part III of the Iowa communications network:

28 \$ 2,727,000

29 3. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

30 a. For costs associated with implementing Medicaid work
31 requirements, new eligibility redetermination requirements,
32 and required information technology changes pursuant to
33 federal Pub. L. No. 119-21, commonly referred to as the One Big
34 Beautiful Bill Act:

35 \$ 3,473,690

1 \$ 2,510,000

2 i. For costs associated with the modernization of the

3 mobile architecture and communications handling program and the

4 traffic and criminal software program:

5 \$ 2,000,000

6 6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

7 For costs associated with a new digital evidence management

8 system:

9 \$ 300,000

10 7. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

11 For costs associated with motor vehicle division systems

12 modernization:

13 \$ 20,000,000

14 8. TREASURER OF STATE

15 a. For the ongoing costs associated with software used for

16 investment tracking:

17 \$ 192,000

18 b. For the ongoing costs associated with software used for

19 banking reconciliations:

20 \$ 228,000

21 Sec. 5. REVERSION. For purposes of section 8.33, unless

22 specifically provided otherwise, unencumbered or unobligated

23 moneys from an appropriation made in this division of this Act

24 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for

25 the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year that

26 ends two years after the end of the fiscal year for which the

27 appropriation is made. However, if the project or projects for

28 which such appropriation was made are completed in an earlier

29 fiscal year, unencumbered or unobligated moneys shall revert at

30 the close of that same fiscal year.

31 Sec. 6. Section 8.57C, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended

32 to read as follows:

33 3. a. There is appropriated from the general fund of

34 the state to the technology reinvestment fund for the fiscal

35 year beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, and for each fiscal year

1 thereafter, the sum of seventeen million five hundred thousand
2 dollars.

3 *b.* There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
4 infrastructure fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
5 ~~2025~~ 2026, and ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, the sum of ~~eighteen~~
6 ~~million two hundred sixty-nine thousand two hundred seventeen~~
7 thirty-seven million two hundred ninety-one thousand six
8 hundred forty-one dollars to the technology reinvestment fund,
9 notwithstanding [section 8.57, subsection 3](#), paragraph “c”.

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DIVISION III

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CHANGES TO PRIOR APPROPRIATIONS

12 Sec. 7. 2023 Iowa Acts, chapter 118, section 2, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 SEC. 2. REVERSION.

15 1. For purposes of [section 8.33](#), unless specifically
16 provided in subsection 2 or otherwise, unencumbered or
17 unobligated moneys from an appropriation made in this division
18 of this Act shall not revert but shall remain available for
19 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
20 the fiscal year that ends two years after the end of the
21 fiscal year for which the appropriation is made. However,
22 if the project or projects for which such appropriation was
23 made are completed in an earlier fiscal year, unencumbered
24 or unobligated moneys shall revert at the close of that same
25 fiscal year.

26 2. For purposes of [section 8.33](#), unencumbered or
27 unobligated moneys from an appropriation made in section 1,
28 subsection 12, paragraph “f”, of this 2023 Iowa Act shall not
29 revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the
30 purposes designated until December 31, 2026.

31 Sec. 8. 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1155, section 1, subsection
32 1, paragraph b, subparagraph (1), as amended by 2025 Iowa Acts,
33 chapter 167, section 14, is amended to read as follows:

34 (1) Of the amount appropriated in this paragraph, the
35 department of administrative services shall allocate and use

1 the moneys necessary to improve and repair the steps on the
2 west side of the exterior of the capitol building and for
3 projects on the east side of the exterior of the capitol
4 building, as directed by the legislative branch, by ~~the close~~
5 ~~of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2025~~ October 31, 2026.

6 Sec. 9. 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1155, section 2, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 SEC. 2. REVERSION.

9 1. For purposes of section 8.33, unless specifically
10 provided in subsection 2 or otherwise, unencumbered or
11 unobligated moneys from an appropriation made in this division
12 of this Act shall not revert but shall remain available for
13 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
14 the fiscal year that ends two years after the end of the
15 fiscal year for which the appropriation is made. However,
16 if the project or projects for which such appropriation was
17 made are completed in an earlier fiscal year, unencumbered
18 or unobligated moneys shall revert at the close of that same
19 fiscal year.

20 2. For purposes of section 8.33, unencumbered or
21 unobligated moneys from an appropriation made for the fiscal
22 year beginning July 1, 2024, in section 1, subsection 5,
23 paragraphs "b", "d", and "e", of this 2024 Iowa Act shall not
24 revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the
25 purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year that
26 ends three years after the end of the fiscal year for which
27 the appropriation was made, or until the project for which the
28 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

29 Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
30 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

31 DIVISION IV

32 RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

33 Sec. 11. STANDING APPROPRIATION — FY 2026-2027. In
34 lieu of the appropriation provided in section 159A.17, the
35 appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and

1 ending June 30, 2027, from the general fund of the state to the
2 renewable fuel infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16
3 for the fiscal year is zero.

4 DIVISION V

5 REGIONAL SPORTS AUTHORITY DISTRICTS — FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
6 ELIGIBILITY

7 Sec. 12. Section 15E.321, Code 2026, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **15E.321 Regional sports authority districts.**

10 1. As used in [this section](#), ~~“district”~~:

11 a. “District” means a regional sports authority district
12 certified under [this section](#).

13 b. “Entity” means an Iowa nonprofit organization established
14 to promote economic development and tourism in an area within
15 the state.

16 2. ~~a. A convention and visitors bureau~~ An entity may
17 apply to the authority for certification of a regional sports
18 authority district ~~which may include more than one city~~
19 ~~and more than one convention and visitors bureau within the~~
20 ~~district~~ and for financial assistance. ~~The authority shall not~~
21 ~~certify more than ten such districts.~~

22 ~~b. If more than ten applications are received in any~~
23 ~~certification year, the~~ The authority shall certify the
24 districts on a competitive basis. In evaluating ~~the~~
25 ~~applications~~ an application for certification and financial
26 assistance, the authority shall consider the economic impact ~~to~~
27 the activities proposed in the application provide to the state
28 ~~of the activities proposed in the application~~, the geographic
29 diversity of the districts applying, the number of unique and
30 innovative activities proposed to be supported by the district,
31 and any other factors the authority deems relevant.

32 3. Each district shall actively promote youth sports, high
33 school athletic activities, the special olympics, and other
34 ~~nonprofessional~~ physical sporting events in the ~~local~~ area.

35 4. Each district may apply for and receive financial

1 assistance under the sports tourism program established by the
2 authority pursuant to [section 15F.401](#).

3 ~~5. Each district shall be governed by a seven-member board~~
4 ~~consisting of seven members appointed by the convention and~~
5 ~~visitors bureau filing the application pursuant to subsection~~
6 ~~2. At least three members of the board shall consist of city~~
7 ~~council members of any cities located in the district. Each~~
8 ~~board shall be responsible for administering programs designed~~
9 ~~to promote the activities enumerated in [subsection 3](#). A~~
10 district that received financial assistance from the authority
11 for an activity described in an application submitted pursuant
12 to subsection 2 shall submit a comprehensive report to the
13 authority not more than thirty days after the final date of the
14 activity, unless a later date is approved in writing by the
15 authority. The comprehensive report must detail the return
16 on investment, number of first-time visitors to the state,
17 and total number of hotel rooms occupied as a result of the
18 activity. The authority may request additional information if
19 the authority deems it necessary to evaluate an activity.

20 DIVISION VI

21 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

22 Sec. 13. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
23 LIMITATION ON OBLIGATION OF MONEYS — INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
24 MODERNIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE.

25 1. Limitation on obligation of moneys.

26 a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and notwithstanding
27 any other provision of law to the contrary, for the fiscal year
28 beginning July 1, 2026, the department of health and human
29 services shall not enter into, amend, or extend a contract,
30 purchase order, interagency agreement, or other financial
31 obligation that will cost more than five million dollars,
32 individually or collectively, or commit the state to multiyear
33 financial obligations. This limitation applies to major
34 information technology system replacement, redevelopment,
35 or modernization, including but not limited to eligibility,

1 benefits administration, child welfare, child support, child
2 care, and Medicaid administration systems.

3 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to information technology
4 changes that are necessary solely to comply with federal Pub.
5 L. No. 119-21, commonly referred to as the One Big Beautiful
6 Bill Act, or state or federal law enacted to implement a
7 provision of Pub. L. No. 119-21, if such law expressly requires
8 near-term implementation and the changes do not materially
9 advance broader system modernization or system replacement
10 efforts beyond what is minimally required to comply with the
11 applicable law.

12 2. Study committee.

13 a. The department of health and human services, in
14 consultation with the legislative services agency and the
15 department of management, shall establish an information
16 technology modernization study committee on or before August
17 1, 2026, and the study committee shall conduct a comprehensive
18 review of the department of health and human services'
19 information technology systems, data architecture, and
20 modernization strategy.

21 b. The study committee must include but is not limited to
22 all of the following members:

23 (1) One or more persons familiar with the information
24 technology division and program division of the department of
25 health and human services, appointed by the director of health
26 and human services.

27 (2) One or more persons from the legislative services
28 agency, appointed by the director of the legislative services
29 agency.

30 (3) One or more persons from the division of information
31 technology of the department of management, appointed by the
32 director of the department of management.

33 c. The study committee must include all of the following ex
34 officio members:

35 (1) Three members of the senate, two appointed by the

1 majority leader of the senate and one appointed by the minority
2 leader of the senate.

3 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, two
4 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives
5 and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of
6 representatives.

7 d. The committee may invite other persons to participate
8 in committee meetings, including but not limited to persons
9 from private sector firms, academic experts, and subject matter
10 experts with demonstrated experience in large-scale system
11 integration, data governance, fraud detection, and artificial
12 intelligence-enabled platforms.

13 e. The study committee shall examine all major information
14 technology systems currently used by the department of health
15 and human services, including legacy systems and recently
16 implemented platforms, and shall do all of the following:

17 (1) Identify redundancies, fragmentations, and
18 interoperability gaps among systems.

19 (2) Assess the department's current ability to integrate
20 data across programs and databases to detect errors, waste,
21 fraud, and abuse.

22 (3) Evaluate options for developing or procuring a unified
23 integrated architecture system capable of securely linking
24 program databases and supporting advanced analytics and
25 automation.

26 (4) Consider existing vendors supporting the department's
27 current systems and alternative solutions offered by firms and
28 experts specializing in modern, artificial intelligence-first,
29 or cloud-native system design.

30 (5) Identify governance, procurement, and oversight
31 structures necessary to ensure cost control, transparency, and
32 long-term sustainability.

33 f. The study committee shall prioritize identifying a
34 long-term solution that integrates department of health and
35 human services databases across programs and enables timely

1 detection of eligibility errors, improper payments, and
2 fraudulent activity while reducing duplicative administrative
3 processes.

4 g. The department of health and human services shall submit
5 a report to the general assembly and the governor on or before
6 January 1, 2027. The report must include the study committee's
7 findings, recommended statutory or budgetary changes, estimated
8 costs and timelines, and options for phased implementation.

9 3. Repeal.

10 This section is repealed July 1, 2027.

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 from
15 the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund (RIIF), technology
16 reinvestment fund (TRF), and renewable fuel infrastructure
17 fund.

18 REBUILD IOWA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. The bill appropriates
19 project funding for multiple fiscal years from RIIF for
20 projects for the departments of administrative services (DAS),
21 agriculture and land stewardship, the blind, corrections,
22 education, natural resources, public defense, public safety,
23 transportation (DOT), and veterans affairs, and for the
24 economic development authority (IEDA), Iowa law enforcement
25 academy, board of regents, and treasurer of state.

26 TECHNOLOGY REINVESTMENT FUND. The bill appropriates
27 project funding for FY 2026-2027 from TRF for projects for
28 the departments of corrections, education, health and human
29 services (HHS), homeland security and emergency management,
30 management (DOM), public safety, and transportation, and for
31 the treasurer of state. Code section 8.57C (TRF) is amended to
32 provide that the standing appropriation to TRF from the general
33 fund for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, is
34 changed to fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2027,
35 and to provide for an appropriation to TRF from RIIF for FY

1 2026-2027.

2 CHANGES TO PRIOR APPROPRIATIONS. The bill delays the
3 reversion of an FY 2023-2024 appropriation from RIIF to DOT
4 for vertical infrastructure improvements at commercial service
5 airports within the state; an FY 2024-2025 appropriation from
6 RIIF to HHS for patient door conversion at the unit located at
7 the state mental health institute at Cherokee; an FY 2024-2025
8 appropriation from RIIF to HHS for renovation and expansion
9 at the Iowa office of the state medical examiner building;
10 and an FY 2024-2025 appropriation from RIIF to HHS for tunnel
11 decentralization for the state resource center at Woodward.
12 The bill amends the requirement for DAS to use an FY 2024-2025
13 appropriation from RIIF to improve and repair the steps on
14 the west side of the exterior of the capitol building and
15 for projects on the east side of the exterior of the capitol
16 building by the close of the fiscal year that begins July 1,
17 2025, and instead authorizes DAS to use the appropriation until
18 October 31, 2026. These provisions take effect upon enactment.

19 RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. The bill reduces the
20 appropriation provided in Code section 159A.17 from the general
21 fund to the renewable fuel infrastructure fund for FY 2026-2027
22 to zero.

23 REGIONAL SPORTS AUTHORITY DISTRICTS — FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
24 ELIGIBILITY. Under current law, IEDA may certify not more
25 than 10 regional sports authority districts (RSAD) based on a
26 convention and visitors bureau's application for certification.
27 Each RSAD is required to be governed by a board consisting
28 of seven members appointed by the convention and visitors
29 bureau filing the application. At least three members of
30 the board must consist of city council members of any cities
31 located in the district, and each board is responsible for
32 administering programs designed to promote youth sports, high
33 school athletic activities, the special olympics, and other
34 nonprofessional sporting events in the local area. A certified
35 RSAD is eligible to apply to IEDA for financial assistance

1 under the sports tourism infrastructure program administered
2 under Code section 15F.401. A convention and visitors bureau
3 is prohibited from receiving, in the same year, financial
4 assistance under the sports tourism infrastructure program and
5 financial assistance as part of an RSAD.

6 The bill authorizes an Iowa nonprofit organization
7 established to promote economic development and tourism in an
8 area within the state, rather than a convention and visitors
9 bureau, to apply for certification of RSADs and for financial
10 assistance. The bill strikes the 10 RSAD certification cap
11 and requires IEDA to certify RSADs on a competitive basis
12 based on factors including the number of unique and innovative
13 activities proposed to be supported by an RSAD. The bill
14 strikes the RSAD board requirements and amends the active
15 promotion requirements to include physical sporting events in
16 an RSAD area rather than nonprofessional sporting events. The
17 bill requires RSADs that receive financial assistance to submit
18 a comprehensive report to IEDA not more than 30 days after the
19 final date of the activity.

20 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. The
21 bill prohibits HHS, for FY 2026–2027, from entering into,
22 amending, or extending a financial obligation that will
23 cost more than \$5 million, individually or collectively,
24 or committing the state to multiyear financial obligations
25 for major information technology (IT) system replacement,
26 redevelopment, or modernization. Additionally, HHS is
27 required, in consultation with the legislative services agency
28 and DOM, to establish an IT modernization study committee on
29 or before August 1, 2026. The study committee, consisting
30 of members and ex officio members described in the bill, is
31 required to conduct a comprehensive review of HHS’s IT systems.
32 HHS must submit a report to the general assembly and governor
33 with the study committee’s findings, recommended statutory or
34 budgetary changes, estimated costs and timelines, and options
35 for phased implementation.