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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3190)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state
2 government entities associated with agriculture, natural
3 resources, and environmental protection.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

Section 1. GENERAL FUND.

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

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
..... \$ 20,377,294

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

..... \$ 325,000

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

Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS — HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys available under section 99D.13 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department's administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
..... \$ 305,516

Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR

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

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

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

16 1. DAIRY REGULATION

17 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
18 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
19 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:
20 \$ 189,196

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

26 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

27 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm
28 program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):
29 \$ 125,000

30 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
31 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
32 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
33 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
34 and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).

35 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in

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

5 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

9 \$ 150,000

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

15 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

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

18 \$ 1,050,000

19 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

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

22 \$ 230,000

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

1 services.

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

7 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

8 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
9 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.2](#):

10 \$ 300,000

11 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
12 \$270,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons
13 account.

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

16 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
17 \$30,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
18 account.

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

21 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

22 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and
23 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.12](#):

24 \$ 100,000

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

27 8. GRAIN REGULATION

28 For the administration and enforcement of [chapters 203](#)
29 and [203C](#), including salaries, support, maintenance, and
30 miscellaneous purposes:

31 \$ 350,000

32 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND

33 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section
34 187.201:

35 \$ 2,113,000

1 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
2 the department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the
3 value-added agricultural grant program created in section
4 187.321.

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

9 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
10 department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the dairy
11 innovation and revitalization program created in section
12 187.311.

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

21 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM

22 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food
23 purchasing program to assist eligible participants in
24 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to [section 187.331](#):
25 \$ 200,000

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

31 DIVISION II

32 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

33 Sec. 5. GENERAL FUND.

34 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
35 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year

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

4 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
5 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; and
6 for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
7 \$ 12,816,738

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

13 Sec. 6. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
14 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

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

21 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
22 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
23 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
24 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
25 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
26 and miscellaneous purposes:
27 \$ 53,095,606

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

34 3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may
35 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish

1 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
2 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as is necessary to fund
3 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the
4 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
5 subsection 1.

6 Sec. 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
7 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created
8 in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
10 2027, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to
11 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
12 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

17 \$ 3,455,850

18 Sec. 8. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE
19 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
20 fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural
21 resources 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 administering and enforcing the state
25 snowmobile programs:

26 \$ 100,000

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

33 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

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

1 \$ 1,510,000

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

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

12 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

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

15 \$ 525,000

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

21 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

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

24 \$ 1,000,000

25 4. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE

26 For structural and infrastructural repairs in state parks:

27 \$ 300,000

28 DIVISION III

29 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

1 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

2 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
3 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
4 laboratory:

5 \$ 4,799,898

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

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

15 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

16 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative
17 extension service in agriculture and home economics in
18 providing technical support to landowners and loggers regarding
19 the management of private forests in northeast Iowa:

20 \$ 150,000

21 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
22 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
23 economics in administering this subsection.

24 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

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

27 \$ 291,390

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

32 Sec. 11. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH FUND — VETERINARY
33 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding [section 466B.46](#), there
34 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created
35 in [section 466B.46](#) to Iowa state university of science and

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

4 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
5 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
6 laboratory:

7 \$ 120,000

8 DIVISION IV

9 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

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

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

17 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
18 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
19 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
20 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
21 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
22 members of the agricultural community:

23 \$ 128,154

24 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
25 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
26 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
27 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
28 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
29 July 1, 2026, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
30 beginning July 1, 2025.

31 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
32 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
33 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
34 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
35 subsection 1.

1 3. If moneys appropriated in subsection 1 revert as required
2 pursuant to [section 8.33](#), the state university of Iowa shall
3 transfer to the general fund of the state from any otherwise
4 unencumbered or unobligated moneys from any other general
5 fund appropriation or from any moneys available from other
6 funding sources an amount equal to the amount appropriated in
7 subsection 1 less any amount that reverted to the general fund
8 of the state pursuant to [section 8.33](#).

9 Sec. 13. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY — GROUNDWATER PLANNING AND
10 RESOURCE ASSESSMENT PROJECT.

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

16 For purposes of supporting a groundwater planning and
17 resource assessment project to be administered by the Iowa
18 geological survey of the state created pursuant to section
19 456.1:

20 \$ 200,000

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

29 3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
30 subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
31 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
32 available for expenditure for the purposes designated in
33 subsection 1.

34 DIVISION V
35 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

1 Sec. 14. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND
2 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
3 fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
4 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
5 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so
6 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
7 designated:

8 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

9 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
10 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
11 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
12 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
13 \$ 1,000,000

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

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

24 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

25 a. For continuation of a program that provides
26 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
27 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:
28 \$ 900,000

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

32 3. CONSERVATION BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM

33 a. To encourage and assist farmers to establish and maintain
34 conservation buffer strip practices and to work with them to
35 enhance their revegetation efforts to improve water quality and

1 habitat:

2 \$ 900,000

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

6 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

7 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
8 conservation:

9 \$ 8,325,000

10 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
11 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
12 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):

13 \$ 140,000

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

16 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
17 for use by the department in providing for soil and water
18 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
19 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
20 districts:

21 \$ 8,185,000

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

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

35 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent

1 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
2 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
3 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
4 161A.73.

5 g. The department's division of soil conservation and
6 water quality may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph
7 "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote
8 conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control
9 practices.

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

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

16 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

19 \$ 3,800,000

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

23 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
24 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
25 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
26 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
27 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
28 used for the purposes designated:

29 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

30 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
31 staff time associated with these activities:

32 \$ 6,235,000

33 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

34 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
35 information system data for their use in developing,

1 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:
2 \$ 195,000

3 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING
4 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
5 quality monitoring stations:
6 \$ 2,955,000

7 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT
8 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
9 water quality protection fund created in [section 455B.183A](#):
10 \$ 500,000

11 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS
12 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including
13 as provided for in [chapters 459, 459A, and 459B](#):
14 \$ 1,320,000

15 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY
16 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:
17 \$ 375,000

18 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY
19 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient
20 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary
21 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
22 standards from particulate matter:
23 \$ 425,000

24 Sec. 16. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL
25 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first
26 fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the state university of Iowa
27 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June
28 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
29 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

30 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS
31 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
32 geological survey of the state created pursuant to section
33 456.1, including but not limited to providing analysis;
34 data maintenance, collection, and compilation; investigative
35 programs; and information for water supply development and

1 protection:

2 \$ 200,000

3 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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

10 \$ 495,000

11 Sec. 17. REVERSION.

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

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

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

33 DIVISION VI

34 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

35 Sec. 18. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF

1 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

2 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
3 created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
4 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
5 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so
6 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
7 designated:

8 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
9 [section 466B.45](#), for purposes of supporting the water quality
10 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
11 and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including
12 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
13 \$ 2,375,000

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

19 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to
20 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional
21 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority
22 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating
23 council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

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

26 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
27 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy
28 as defined in [section 455B.171](#).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 DIVISION VII

12 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

13 Sec. 19. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
14 lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 455A.18](#), there is
15 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
16 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
17 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June
18 30, 2027, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
19 section 455A.19:

20 \$ 12,000,000

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

23 Notwithstanding [section 455A.19, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a",
24 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
25 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,
26 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural
27 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,
28 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July
29 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

30 DIVISION VIII

31 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

32 Sec. 21. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — DEPARTMENT
33 OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

34 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease
35 prevention fund created in [section 165.18](#) to the department of

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

5 a. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment
6 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease
7 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
8 163.3C:

9 \$ 250,000

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

13 \$ 500,000

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

16 \$ 100,000

17 d. For purposes of upgrading information technology
18 resources used by the department:

19 \$ 450,000

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

25 Sec. 22. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — IOWA STATE
26 UNIVERSITY.

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

33 For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
34 in [section 267.8](#):

35 \$ 100,000

1 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used
2 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support
3 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock
4 producers.

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EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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 and for a groundwater
7 planning and resource assessment project administered by the
8 Iowa geological survey.

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

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

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