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2 9 regents on a rotating basis; and one president, or the 2 10 president's designee, of a private college or university 2 11 appointed by the Iowa association of independent colleges and 2 12 universities; and one superintendent, or the superintendent's

8 science and technology designated by the state board of

2 13 designee, of a community college, appointed by the Iowa 2 14 association of community college presidents. The legislative 2 15 members are two state senators, one appointed by the president 2 16 of the senate, after consultation with the majority leader of 2 17 the senate, and one appointed by the minority leader of the 2 18 senate, after consultation with the president of the senate, 19 from their respective parties; and two state representatives, 20 one appointed by the speaker and one appointed by the minority 21 leader of the house of representatives from their respective 22 parties. Not more than six of the voting members shall be 2 23 from the same political party. The secretary of agriculture 2 24 or the secretary's designee shall be one of the voting 2 25 members. The governor shall appoint the remaining ten voting 2 26 members of the board for a term of four years beginning and 2 27 ending as provided by section 69.19, subject to confirmation 2 28 by the senate, and the governor's appointments shall include 29 persons knowledgeable of the various elements of the 30 department's responsibilities. b. Each of the following areas of expertise shall be represented by at least one member of the board who has 33 professional experience in that area of expertise: 34 (1) Finance, insurance, or investment banking. 2 34 2 35 (2) Advanced manufacturing. (3) (3) Statewide agriculture. (4) Life sciences. 3 1 3 2 (5) Small business development. 3 4 (6) Information technology. 5 (7) Economics. (8) 3 Labor. 6 3 (9) <u>Marketing.</u> (10) Entrepreneurship.
c. At least nine members of the board shall be actively 8 employed in the private, for=profit sector of the economy.

2. A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same 3 11 3 12 manner as regular appointments are made for the unexpired 3 13 portion of the regular term. 3. The board shall meet in May of each year for the 3 14 3 15 purpose of electing one of its voting members as chairperson 3 16 and one of its voting members as vice chairperson. However, 3 17 the chairperson and the vice chairperson shall not be from the 18 same political party. The board shall meet at the call of the 19 chairperson or when any six members of the board file a 20 written request with the chairperson for a meeting. 21 notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be given to 3 22 each member of the board. A majority of the voting members 3 23 constitutes a quorum. 3 24 4. Members of the board, the director, and other employees 25 of the department shall be allowed their actual and necessary 26 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. All 27 expenses shall be paid from appropriations for those purposes 28 and the department is subject to the budget requirements of 29 chapter 8. Each member of the board may also be eligible to 3 30 receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6. If a member of the board has an interest, either direct 31 32 or indirect, in a contract to which the department is or is to 33 be a party, the interest shall be disclosed to the board in 34 writing and shall be set forth in the minutes of a meeting of 35 the board. The member having the interest shall not 1 participate in action by the board with respect to the 2 contract. This paragraph does not limit the right of a member 3 of the board to acquire an interest in bonds, or limit the 4 right of a member to have an interest in a bank or other 5 financial institution in which the funds of the department are 6 deposited or which is acting as trustee or paying agent under a trust indenture to which the department is a party.

6. As part of the organizational structure of the 9 department, the board shall establish a due diligence 10 committee and a loan and credit guarantee committee composed 11 of members of the board. The committees shall serve in an 4 12 advisory capacity to the board and shall carry out any duties 13 assigned by the board in relation to programs administered by 14 the department.
15 7. For the transitional period beginning July 1, 2005, 16 ending June 30, 2006, the composition of the voting members of 17 the board shall be determined by the governor and shall be 18 composed of members of the Iowa economic development board in 4 19 existence on June 30, 2005, and members of the grow Iowa 4 20 values board as it existed on June 15, 2004. During the 4 21 transitional period stated in this subsection, the 4 22 requirements of subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "b", sha 4 23 not apply. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2006.

Section 15.104, Code 2005, is amended by adding 4 25 the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 9. By January 15 of each year, submit a 4 27 report to the general assembly and the governor that 4 28 delineates expenditures made under each component of the grow 29 Iowa values fund. In addition, the department shall provide 30 in the report the following information regarding each 31 business finance project and in the aggregate for projects 32 funded during the previous fiscal year:

- The number of jobs created as of the time of reporting. The average wage of the jobs created as of the time of 35 reporting.
 - The amount of capital investment invested as of the c. time of reporting.
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e. The amount, if any, of private and local government moneys expended as of the time of reporting.

The amount of moneys expended on research and development activities that were not included in the jobs created and wages paid criteria.

9 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 10. By January 15 of each year, submit 10 report to the general assembly and the governor identifying 11 the number of minority=owned businesses that received 12 financial assistance from moneys appropriated from the grow 13 Iowa values fund during the previous calendar year. 14 report shall provide an analysis as to the reasons why more 15 minority=owned businesses have not applied for assistance and 16 include recommendations regarding how to encourage the 5 17 creation of more minority=owned businesses.

NEW SUBSECTION. 11. By January 15 of each year, submit a 19 report to the general assembly and the governor identifying 20 the number of woman=owned businesses that received financial 21 assistance from moneys appropriated from the grow Iowa values 22 fund during the previous calendar year. The report shall provide an analysis as to the reasons why more woman=owned 24 businesses have not applied for assistance and include 25 recommendations regarding how to encourage the creation of 26 more woman=owned businesses.

Sec. 5. APPOINTMENTS DURING BIPARTISAN CONTROL. 28 Appointments of general assembly members to the Iowa economic 29 development board, which are to be made by the president of 30 the senate or by the majority or minority leader of the senate 31 during the period that the senate for the Eighty=first General 32 Assembly is composed of an equal number of members of each 33 major political party, shall be made jointly by the co= 34 presidents or co=floor leaders, as appropriate, in accordance 35 with Senate Resolution 1, adopted during the 2005 legislative 1 session.

DIVISION III REGULATORY ASSISTANCE

- Sec. 6. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 15E.19 REGULATORY ASSISTANCE.

 1. The department of economic development shall coordinate 6 all regulatory assistance for the state of Iowa. Each state agency administering regulatory programs for business shall maintain a coordinator within the office of the director or the administrative division of the state agency. Each
- 10 coordinator shall do all of the following: Serve as the state agency's primary contact for 12 regulatory affairs with the department of economic 6 13 development.
- 6 14 b. Provide information regarding regulatory requirements 15 to businesses and represent the state agency to the private 6 16 sector.
 - Monitor permit applications and provide timely permit 18 status information to the department of economic development.
 - d. Require regulatory staff participation in negotiations 20 and discussions with businesses.
 - e. Notify the department of economic development regarding 21 proposed rulemaking activities that impact a regulatory 23 program and any subsequent changes to a regulatory program.
 - The department of economic development shall, in 25 consultation with the coordinators described in this section, 26 examine, and to the extent permissible, assist in the 27 implementation of methods, including the possible 28 establishment of an electronic database, to streamline the 29 process for issuing permits to business.
- 30 3. By January 15 of each year, the department of economic 31 development shall submit a written report to the general 6 6 32 assembly regarding the provision of regulatory assistance by 33 state agencies, including the department's efforts, and its 6 34 recommendations and proposed solutions, to streamline the

6 35 process of issuing permits to business. DIVISION IV

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONS

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 15E.21 IOWA BUSINESS RESOURCE 4 CENTERS.

The department shall establish an Iowa business resource 6 center program for purposes of locating Iowa business resource centers in the state. The department shall partner with 8 another entity wanting to assist with economic growth and 9 establish an Iowa business resource center. Operational 10 duties of a center shall focus on providing information and 11 referrals to entrepreneurs and businesses. Operational duties 7 12 of a center shall be determined pursuant to a memorandum of 7 13 agreement between the department and the other entity. 7 14 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 15E.231 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 7 15 REGIONS.

- 1. In order for an economic development region to receive 7 17 moneys from the grow Iowa values fund created in section 7 18 15G.108, an economic development region's regional development 19 plan must be approved by the department. An economic 20 development region shall consist of not less than three 21 counties, unless two contiguous counties have a combined 22 population of at least three hundred thousand based on the 23 most recent federal decennial census. An economic development 24 region shall establish a focused economic development effort 25 that shall include a regional development plan relating to one 26 or more of the following areas:
 - Regional marketing strategies. a.
 - b. Development of the information solutions sector.
 - c. Development of the advanced manufacturing sector.
 - d. Development of the life sciences and biotechnology sector.
 - e. Development of the insurance or financial services 33 sector.
 - f. Physical infrastructure including, but not limited to, 35 horizontal infrastructure, water and sewer infrastructure, and telecommunications infrastructure.
 - Entrepreneurship.

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- An economic development region may create an economic 4 development region revolving fund as provided in section 15E.232.
 - NEW SECTION. 15E.232 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGION Sec. REVOLVING FUNDS == TAX CREDITS.
 - 1. An economic development region may create an economic development region revolving fund.

 2. a. A nongovernmental entity making a contribution to
- 11 an economic development region revolving fund, except those 8 12 described in paragraph "b", may claim a tax credit equal to 8 13 twenty percent of the amount contributed to the revolving The tax credit shall be allowed against taxes imposed 8 15 in chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V, and in chapter 432, 8 16 and against the moneys and credits tax imposed in section 8 17 533.24. An individual may claim under this subsection the tax 8 18 credit of a partnership, limited liability company, S 8 19 corporation, estate, or trust electing to have income taxed 8 20 directly to the individual. The amount claimed by the 21 individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the 22 individual's earnings from the partnership, limited liability 23 company, S corporation, estate, or trust. Any tax credit in 24 excess of the taxpayer's liability for the tax year may be 25 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or 26 credited to the tax liability for the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax liability for the tax years are credited to the tax years are 26 until depleted, whichever occurs first. A tax credit shall 27 not be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in A tax credit shall 28 which the taxpayer redeems the tax credit. A tax credit under 29 this section is not transferable.
 - b. Subject to the provisions of paragraph "c", an 31 organization exempt from federal income tax pursuant to 32 section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code making a 33 contribution to an economic development region revolving fund, 34 shall be paid from the general fund of the state an amount 35 equal to twenty percent of such contributed amount within 1 thirty days after the end of the fiscal year during which the 2 contribution was made.
- The total amount of tax credits and payments to C. 4 contributors, referred to as the credit amount, authorized 5 during a fiscal year shall not exceed two million dollars plus 6 any unused credit amount carried over from previous years. Any credit amount which remains unused for a fiscal year may be carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year. The maximum 8 9 credit amount that may be authorized in a fiscal year for 9 10 contributions made to a specific economic development region

9 11 revolving fund is equal to two million dollars plus any unused 9 12 credit amount carried over from previous years divided by the 9 13 number of economic development region revolving funds existing 9 14 in the state.

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- The department of economic development shall administer 9 16 the authorization of tax credits under this section and 9 17 payments to contributors described in paragraph "b" and shall, 9 18 in cooperation with the department of revenue, adopt rules 19 pursuant to chapter 17A necessary for the administration of 20 this section.
 - 21 3. An economic development region may apply for financial 22 assistance from the grow Iowa values fund to assist with the 23 installation of physical infrastructure needs including, but 24 not limited to, horizontal infrastructure, water and sewer 25 infrastructure, and telecommunications infrastructure, related 26 to the development of fully served business and industrial 27 sites by one or more of the region's economic development 28 partners or for the installation of infrastructure related to 29 a new business location or expansion. In order to receive 30 financial assistance pursuant to this subsection, the economic 31 development region must demonstrate all of the following:
 - The ability to provide matching moneys on a basis of a 33 one dollar contribution of local matching moneys for every two
 - 34 dollars received from the grow Iowa values fund.
 35 b. The commitment of the specific business partner including, but not limited to, a letter of intent defining a capital commitment or a percentage of equity.
 - That all other funding alternatives have been C. exhausted.
- 5 4. The department may establish and administer a regional economic development revenue sharing pilot project for one or more regions. The department shall take into consideration 6 the geographical dispersion of the pilot projects. The department shall provide technical assistance to the regions 10 10 participating in a pilot project.
- 5. An economic development region may apply for financial 10 12 assistance from the grow Iowa values fund to assist an 10 13 existing business threatened with closure due to a potential 10 14 consolidation to an out=of=state location. The economic 10 15 development region may apply for financial assistance from the 10 16 grow Iowa values fund for the purchase, rehabilitation, or 10 17 marketing of a building that has become available due to the 10 18 closing of an existing business due to a consolidation to an 10 19 out=of=state location. In order to receive financial 10 20 assistance under this subsection, an economic development 10 21 region must demonstrate the ability to provide local matching 10 22 moneys on a basis of a one dollar contribution of local moneys 10 23 for every three dollars received from the grow Iowa values 10 24 fund.
- 6. An economic development region may apply for financial 10 26 assistance from the grow Iowa values fund to establish and operate an entrepreneurial initiative. In order to receive 10 28 financial assistance under this subsection, an economic 10 29 development region must demonstrate the ability to provide 10 30 local matching moneys on a basis of a one dollar contribution 10 31 of local moneys for every two dollars received from the grow 10 32 Iowa values fund.
- a. An economic development region may apply for 10 34 financial assistance from the grow Iowa values fund to 10 35 establish and operate a business succession assistance program 1 for the region.
 - In order to receive financial assistance under this subsection, an economic development region must demonstrate the ability to provide local matching moneys on a basis of a one dollar contribution of local moneys for every two dollars received from the grow Iowa values fund. 6
- 8. An economic development region may apply for financial assistance from the grow Iowa values fund to implement economic development initiatives that are either unique to the 8 11 10 region or innovative in design and implementation. 11 11 to receive financial assistance under this subsection, an 11 12 economic development region must demonstrate the ability to 11 13 provide local matching moneys on a one=to=one basis.
- 11 14 9. Financial assistance under subsections 3, 5, 6, 7, and 15 8 and section 15E.233 shall be limited to a total of one 11 16 million dollars each fiscal year for the fiscal period 11 17 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2015, and shall 11 18 not be provided to assist in the establishment, operation, or 11 19 installation of a project, initiative, or activity that may 11 20 result in the provision, lease, or sale of goods or services 11 21 by a government body that competes with private enterprise.

11 22 Sec. 10. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 15E.233 ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AREAS.

11 23 1. An economic development region may apply to the 11 24 department for approval to be designated as an economic 11 25 enterprise area based on criteria provided in subsection 3. 11 26 The department shall approve no more than ten regions as 11 27 economic enterprise areas.

2. a. An approved economic enterprise area may apply to 11 29 the department for financial assistance from the grow Iowa 11 30 values fund for up to seventy=five thousand dollars each 11 31 fiscal year during the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2005, 11 32 and ending June 30, 2015, for any of the following purposes:

(1) Economic development=related strategic planning and

marketing for the region as a whole.

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- (2) Economic development of fully=served business sites.(3) The construction of speculative buildings on a fully served lot.
- (4) The rehabilitation of an existing building to marketable standards.
- b. In order to receive financial assistance under this 6 subsection, an economic enterprise area must demonstrate the ability to provide local matching moneys on a basis of a one 8 dollar contribution of local moneys for every three dollars 9 received from the grow Iowa values fund.
- 3. An economic enterprise area shall consist of at least 12 11 one county containing no city with a population of more than 12 12 twenty=three thousand five hundred and shall meet at least two 12 13 of the following criteria:
- a. A per capita income of eighty percent or less than the 12 15 national average.
 - b. A household median income of eighty percent or less than the national average.
- 12 18 c. Twenty=five percent or more of the population of the 12 19 economic enterprise area with an income level of one hundred 12 20 fifty percent or less of the United States poverty level as 12 21 defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines 12 22 published by the United States department of health and human 12 23 services.
- d. A population density in the economic enterprise area of 12 25 less than ten people per square mile.
- e. A loss of population as shown by the 2000 certified federal census when compared with the 1990 certified federal 12 28 census.
- f. An unemployment rate greater than the national rate of 12 30 unemployment.
- g. More than twenty percent of the population of the 12 32 economic enterprise area consisting of people over the age of 12 33 sixty=five.
 - BUSINESS ACCELERATORS.
- Sec. 11. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 15E.351 BUSINESS ACCELERATOR. The department shall establish and administer a business accelerator program to provide financial assistance 2 for the establishment and operation of a business accelerator 3 for technology=based, value=added agricultural, information 4 solutions, or advanced manufacturing start=up businesses or 5 for a satellite of an existing business accelerator. The 6 program shall be designed to foster the accelerated growth of 7 new and existing businesses through the provision of technical 8 assistance. The department shall use moneys appropriated to 13 9 the department from the grow Iowa values fund pursuant to 13 10 section 15G.111, subsection 1, if enacted, subject to the 13 11 approval of the economic development board, to provide 13 12 financial assistance under this section.
- 2. In determining whether a business accelerator qualifies 13 14 for financial assistance, the department must find that a 13 15 business accelerator meets all of the following criteria:
- 13 16 a. The business accelerator must be a not=for=profit 13 17 organization affiliated with an area chamber of commerce, a 13 18 community or county organization, or economic development 13 19 region.
- The geographic area served by a business accelerator 13 21 must include more than one county.
- The business accelerator must possess the ability to 13 23 provide service to a specific type of business as well as to 13 24 meet the broad-based needs of other types of start-up 13 25 entrepreneurs.
- 13 26 d. The business accelerator must possess the ability to 13 27 market business accelerator services in the region and the 13 28 state.
- 13 29 The business accelerator must possess the ability to е. 13 30 communicate with and cooperate with other business 13 31 accelerators and similar service providers in the state.
 - f. The business accelerator must possess the ability to

13 33 engage various funding sources for start-up entrepreneurs. g. The business accelerator must possess the ability to 13 34 13 35 communicate with and cooperate with various entities for

purposes of locating suitable facilities for clients of the 14 14 2 business accelerator.

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- h. The business accelerator must possess the willingness 4 to accept referrals from the department of economic development.
 - In determining whether a business accelerator qualifies for financial assistance, the department may consider any of the following:
 - a. The business experience of the business accelerator's professional staff.
 - b. The business plan review capacity of the business accelerator's professional staff.
- c. The business accelerator's professional staff with 14 14 demonstrated disciplines in all aspects of business experience.
- d. The business accelerator's professional staff with 14 17 access to external service providers including legal, 14 18 accounting, marketing, and financial services.
 14 19 4. In order to receive financial assistance under this
- 14 20 section, the financial assistance recipient must demonstrate 14 21 the ability to provide matching moneys on a basis of a two 14 22 dollar contribution of recipient moneys for every one dollar 14 23 received in financial assistance.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. 422.11K ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 14 25 REGION REVOLVING FUND TAX CREDIT.

The taxes imposed under this division, less the credits 14 27 allowed under sections 422.12 and 422.12B, shall be reduced by 14 28 an economic development region revolving fund contribution tax credit authorized pursuant to section 15E.232.

Sec. 13. Section 422.33, Code 2005, is amended by adding 14 31 the following new subsection:

14 32 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 17. The taxes imposed under this division 14 33 shall be reduced by an economic development region revolving 14 34 fund contribution tax credit authorized pursuant to section 14 35 15E.232.

Sec. 14. Section 422.60, Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 9. The taxes imposed under this division shall be reduced by an economic development region revolving fund contribution tax credit authorized pursuant to section 15E.232.

Sec. 15. NEW SECTION. 432.12F ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 8 REGION REVOLVING FUND CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDITS.

The tax imposed under this chapter shall be reduced by an 15 10 economic development region tax credit authorized pursuant to 15 11 section 15E.232.

Sec. 16. Section 533.24, Code 2005, is amended by adding 15 13 the following new subsection:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 6. The moneys and credits tax imposed 15 15 under this section shall be reduced by an economic development 15 16 region revolving fund contribution tax credit authorized 15 17 pursuant to section 15E.232.

- Sec. 17. BUSINESS SUCCESSION == SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 15 18 15 19 CENTERS. As the loss of a community's small businesses is a 15 20 major concern for communities around the state, small business 15 21 development centers shall design a plan which includes all of 15 22 the following:
- 1. The pursuit of public and private partnerships with 15 24 family business consultants, experts in the area of employee 15 25 stock ownership plans, attorneys, certified public 15 26 accountants, the department of economic development, and other service providers to assist communities with issues related to 15 28 business succession.
- 2. The development of a comprehensive internet website 15 30 with resources related to business succession including a listing of family business consultants and service providers 15 32 by area of expertise, appropriate articles, links to related 15 33 resources, and a listing of businesses for sale. The internet 15 34 website should also be designed to promote the state and to 15 35 encourage former Iowa residents and others to locate in Iowa.
 - 3. Basic training on business succession issues for all small business development center directors and staff counselors.
 - 4. Courses on business succession issues available in person in communities and on the internet.
 - 5. Small business development centers in the state shall develop and administer programs to assist small businesses to 8 plan for the transfer of ownership of the business, including

9 the transfer of all or a part of the ownership of a business 16 10 to an employee stock ownership plan. 16 11 DIVISION V 16 12 CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS 16 13 Sec. 18. NEW SECTION. 303.3B CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

16 14 DISTRICTS. 1. The department of cultural affairs shall establish and administer a cultural and entertainment district certification

16 16 16 17 program. The program shall encourage the growth of 16 18 communities through the development of areas within a city or 16 19 county for public and private uses related to cultural and 16 20 entertainment purposes.

2. A city or county may create and designate a cultural 16 22 and entertainment district subject to certification by the 16 23 department of cultural affairs, in consultation with the 16 24 department of economic development. A cultural and 16 25 entertainment district is encouraged to include a unique form 16 26 of transportation within the district and for transportation 16 27 between the district and recreational trails. A cultural and 16 28 entertainment district certification shall remain in effect 16 29 for ten years following the date of certification. Two or 16 30 more cities or counties may apply jointly for certification of 16 31 a district that extends across a common boundary. Through the 16 32 adoption of administrative rules, the department of cultural 16 33 affairs shall develop a certification application for use in 16 34 the certification process. The provisions of this subsection 16 35 relating to the adoption of administrative rules shall be construed narrowly.

3. The department of cultural affairs shall encourage 3 development projects and activities located in certified cultural and entertainment districts through incentives under cultural grant programs pursuant to section 303.3, chapter 303A, and any other grant programs.

DIVISION VI

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT TAX CREDITS

Sec. 19. Section 404A.1, subsection 1, Code 2005, is

17 11 amended to read as follows:

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1. A property rehabilitation historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, subject to the 17 14 availability of the credit, is granted against the tax imposed 17 15 under chapter 422, division II, III, or V, or chapter 432, for 17 16 the rehabilitation of eligible property located in this state 17 17 as provided in this chapter. Tax credits in excess of tax 17 18 liabilities shall be refunded as provided in section 404A.4, 17 19 subsection 3.

17 20 Sec. 20. Section 404A.1, subsection 2, unnumbered 17 21 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows: 17 22 Eligible property for which a taxpayer may receive the

17 23 property rehabilitation historic preservation and cultural 17 24 entertainment district tax credit computed under this chapter 17 25 includes all of the following:

Sec. 21. Section 404A.3, subsection 2, unnumbered 17 27 paragraph 2, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

17 28 The selection standards shall provide that a person who 17 29 qualifies for the rehabilitation tax credit under section 47 17 30 of the Internal Revenue Code shall automatically qualify for 17 31 the state property rehabilitation historic preservation and 17 32 cultural and entertainment district tax credit under this 17 33 chapter. 17 34

Sec. 22. Section 404A.4, subsection 2, Code 2005, is 17 35 amended to read as follows:

2. After verifying the eligibility for the tax credit, the 2 state historic preservation office, in consultation with the 3 department of economic development, shall issue a property 4 rehabilitation historic preservation and cultural and 5 entertainment district tax credit certificate to be attached 6 to the person's tax return. The tax credit certificate shall 7 contain the taxpayer's name, address, tax identification 8 number, the date of project completion, the amount of credit, 9 other information required by the department of revenue, and a 18 18 10 place for the name and tax identification number of a 18 11 transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred.

18 12 Sec. 23. Section 404A.4, subsection 3, Code 2005, is

18 13 amended to read as follows:

18 14 3. A person receiving a property rehabilitation historic 18 15 preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax 18 16 credit under this chapter which is in excess of the person's 18 17 tax liability for the tax year is entitled to a refund of the 18 18 excess at a discounted value. The discounted value of the tax 18 19 credit refund, as calculated by the department of economic

18 20 development, in consultation with the department of revenue, 18 21 shall be determined based on the discounted value of the tax 18 22 credit five years after the tax year of the project completion 18 23 at an interest rate equivalent to the prime rate plus two 18 24 percent. The refunded tax credit shall not exceed seventy= 18 25 five percent of the allowable tax credit. Sec. 24. Section 404A.4, subsection 4, Code 2005, is 18 26 amended to read as follows: 18 27 The total amount of tax credits that may be approved 18 28 18 29 for a fiscal year under this chapter <u>for projects located</u> 18 30 inside or outside certified cultural and entertainment 18 31 districts shall not exceed two million four hundred thousand 18 32 dollars. For the fiscal years period beginning July 1, 2005, 18 33 and July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2015, an additional five 18 34 hundred thousand four million dollars of tax credits may be 18 35 approved each fiscal year for purposes of projects located in 19 1 cultural and entertainment districts certified pursuant to 19 2 section 303.3B or for rehabilitation projects approved 19 19 19 19 19 19 3 pursuant to section 404A.3 regardless of the location of such 4 rehabilitation projects. Notwithstanding section 404A.1, the tax credits approved for projects located in certified 6 cultural and entertainment districts may be for projects which 7 include new construction or new infrastructure projects that 19 8 enhance the historic and cultural integrity of the certified 19 9 cultural and entertainment district. Any of the additional 19 10 tax credits allocated for projects located in certified 19 11 cultural and entertainment districts that are not approved 19 12 during a fiscal year may be carried over to the succeeding 19 13 fiscal year. The department of cultural affairs shall 19 14 establish by rule the procedures for the application, review, 19 15 selection, and awarding of certifications of completion. '19 16 departments of economic development, cultural affairs, and 19 17 revenue shall each adopt rules to jointly administer this 19 18 subsection and shall provide by rule for the method to be used 19 19 to determine for which fiscal year the tax credits are 19 20 available. 19 21 Sec. 25. Section 404A.5, Code 2005, is amended to read as 19 22

follows:

404A.5 ECONOMIC IMPACT == RECOMMENDATIONS.

The department of cultural affairs, in consultation with 19 25 the department of economic development, shall be responsible 19 26 for keeping the general assembly and the legislative services agency informed on the overall economic impact to the state of 19 27 19 28 the rehabilitation of eligible properties. An annual report 19 29 shall be filed which shall include, but is not limited to, 19 30 data on the number and potential value of rehabilitation 19 31 projects begun during the latest twelve=month period, the 32 total property rehabilitation <u>historic preservation and</u>
33 cultural and entertainment district tax credits originally 19 34 granted during that period, the potential reduction in state 19 35 tax revenues as a result of all tax credits still unused and eligible for refund, and the potential increase in local 2 property tax revenues as a result of the rehabilitated 3 projects. The department, to the extent it is able, shall 4 provide recommendations on whether a limit on tax credits 5 should be established, the need for a broader or more 6 restrictive definition of eligible property, and other adjustments to the tax credits under this chapter.

DIVISION VII COMMERCIALIZATION

15.115 TECHNOLOGY

20 10 Sec. 26. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 1920 11 COMMERCIALIZATION SPECIALIST.

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The department shall ensure that businesses in the state 20 13 are well informed about the technology patents, licenses, and 20 14 options available to them from colleges and universities in 20 15 the state and to ensure the department's business development 20 16 and marketing efforts are conducted in a way that maximizes 20 17 the advantage to the state of research and technology 20 18 commercialization efforts at colleges and universities in the The department shall establish a technology 20 19 state. 20 20 commercialization specialist position which shall be 20 21 responsible for the obligations imposed by this section and 20 22 for performance of all of the following activities:

1. Establishing and maintaining communication with 20 24 personnel in charge of intellectual property management and 20 25 technology at colleges and universities in the state.

20 26 Meeting at least quarterly with personnel in charge of 20 27 intellectual property management and technology 20 28 commercialization regarding new technology disclosures and 20 29 technology patents, licenses, or options available to Iowa 20 30 businesses at colleges and universities in the state.

3. Being knowledgeable regarding intellectual property, 20 32 patent, license, and option policies of colleges and

20 33 universities in the state as well as applicable federal law. 20 34 4. Establishing and maintaining an internet website to 20 35 link other internet websites which provide electronic access 1 to information regarding available patents, licenses, or 2 options for technology at colleges and universities in the state.

Establishing and maintaining communications with 5 business and development organizations in the state regarding

available technology patents, licenses, and options.

6. Cooperating with colleges and universities in the state 8 in establishing technology fairs or other public events designed to make businesses in the state aware of available 21 10 technology patents, licenses, or options available to 21 11 businesses in the state.

Sec. 27. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. COMMERCIALIZATION COMMITTEE. 15.115A TECHNOLOGY

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To evaluate and approve funding for projects and programs 21 15 under section 15G.111, subsection 2, if enacted, the economic 21 16 development board shall create a technology commercialization 21 17 committee composed of members with expertise in the areas of 21 18 biosciences, engineering, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, 21 19 materials, information solutions, software, and energy. 21 20 organization designated by the department, composed of members 21 21 from both the public and private sectors and composed of 21 22 subunits or subcommittees in the areas of already identified 21 23 bioscience platforms, education and workforce development, 21 24 commercialization, communication, policy and governance, and 21 25 finance, shall provide funding recommendations to the 21 26 technology commercialization committee.

15.116 CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER. Sec. 28. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. The governor shall appoint a chief technology officer for 21 29 the state. The chief technology officer shall serve a four= 30 year term and shall have national or international stature. 21 31 The chief technology officer shall coordinate the activities 21 32 of the technology commercialization specialist employed 21 33 pursuant to section 15.115. The chief technology officer 21 34 shall serve as a spokesperson for the department for purposes 21 35 of promoting to private sector businesses the technology commercialization efforts of the department and the research and technology capabilities of institutions of higher learning

in the state.

Sec. 29. Section 262B.1, Code 2005, is amended by striking thereof the following: the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 262B.1 TITLE.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the

"Commercialization of Research for Iowa Act". Sec. 30. Section 262B.2, Code 2005, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 262B.2 LEGISLATIVE INTENT.
It is the intent of the general assembly that the three

22 13 universities under the control of the state board of regents 22 14 have as part of their missions the use of their universities' 22 15 expertise to expand and stimulate economic growth across the 22 16 state. This activity may be accomplished through a wide 22 17 variety of partnerships, public and private joint ventures, 22 18 and cooperative endeavors, primarily, but not exclusively, in 22 19 the area of high technology, and may result in investments by 22 20 the private sector for commercialization of the technology and job creation. It is imperative that whenever possible, the 22 22 investments and job creation be in Iowa but need not be in the 22 23 proximity of the universities. The purpose of the investments 22 24 and job creation shall be to expand and stimulate Iowa's 22 25 economy, increase the wealth of Iowans, and increase the 22 26 population of Iowa, which may be accomplished through research 22 27 conducted within the state that will competitively position 22 28 Iowa on an economic basis with other states and create high= 22 29 wage, high=growth employers and jobs. Accredited private 22 30 universities located in the state are encouraged to 22 31 incorporate the intent of this section into the mission of their universities.

22 32 Sec. 31. Section 262B.3, Code 2005, is amended by striking 22 34 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 262B.3 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The state board of regents, as part of its mission and strategic plan, shall establish mechanisms for the purpose of carrying out the intent of this chapter. In addition to other board initiatives, the board shall work with the department of 5 economic development, other state agencies, and the private 6 sector to facilitate the commercialization of research.

- 2. The state board of regents, in cooperation with the 23 8 department of economic development, shall implement this chapter through any of the following activities:
- 23 10 a. Developing strategies to market and disseminate information on university research for commercialization in 23 11 23 12 Iowa.
- 23 13 b. Evaluating university research for commercialization 23 14 potential, where relevant.
- c. Developing a plan to improve private sector access to 23 16 the university licenses and patent information and the transfer of technology from the university to the private 23 18 sector.
- d. Identifying research and technical assistance needs of 23 20 existing Iowa businesses and start=up companies and recommending ways in which the universities can meet these 23 22 needs.
 - Linking research and instruction activities to economic e. development.
 - f. Reviewing and monitoring activities related to technology transfer.
- g. Coordinating activities to facilitate a focus on 23 28 research in the state's targeted industry clusters.
- h. Surveying similar activities in other states and at 23 30 other universities.
- i. Establishing a single point of contact to facilitate 23 32 commercialization of research.
- j. Sustaining faculty and staff resources needed to 23 34 implement commercialization.
 - k. Implementing programs to provide public recognition of university faculty and staff who demonstrate success in
 - technology transfer and commercialization.

 1. Implementing rural entrepreneurial and regional development assistance programs.
 - Providing market research ranging from early stage m. feasibility to extensive market research.
 - n. Creating real or virtual research parks that may or may 8 not be located near universities, but with the goal of providing economic stimulus to the entire state.
 - o. Capacity building in key biosciences platform areas.
 - p. Encouraging biosciences entrepreneurship by faculty.
 - q. Providing matching grants for joint biosciences projects involving public and private entities.
- r. Encouraging biosciences entrepreneurship by faculty 24 15 using faculty research and entrepreneurship grants.
- s. Pursuing bioeconomy initiatives in key platform areas as recommended by a consultant report on bioeconomy issues 24 17 24 18 contracted for by the department of economic development.
- 24 19 Sections 262B.4, 262B.5, and 262B.12, Code 2005, Sec. 32. 24 20 are repealed.

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- Sec. 33. STUDIES.
 1. The state board of regents shall conduct a study to 24 23 determine the feasibility of establishing a graduate school in 24 24 western Iowa in cooperation with other public or private 24 25 institutions of higher learning. By December 15, 2005, the 24 26 board shall submit a report to the general assembly and the 24 27 governor regarding the findings and recommendations of the 24 28 study.
- 24 29 2. The state board of regents shall conduct a study 24 30 relating to cost=effective methods of recognizing the efforts 24 31 of faculty to achieve commercialization. By December 15, 24 32 2005, the board shall submit a report to the general assembly 24 33 and the governor regarding the findings and recommendations of 24 34 the study.

DIVISION VIII

WORKFORCE TRAINING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS Sec. 34. Section 260C.18A, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

b. Projects in which an agreement between a community college and a business meet all the requirements of the Iowa jobs training Act under chapter 260F. However, projects funded by moneys provided by a local workforce training and 8 economic development fund of a community college are not
9 subject to the maximum advance or award limitations contained 25 10 in section 260F.6, subsection 2, or the allocation limitations

contained in section 260F.8, subsection 1.
Sec. 35. Section 260C.18A, subsection 2, Code 2005, is

25 13 amended by adding the following new paragraph: 25 14 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Training and retraining programs for 25 15 targeted industries as authorized in section 15.343,

25 16 subsection 2, paragraph "a" Sec. 36. Section 260C.18A, subsection 5, Code 2005, is

25 18 amended by striking the subsection. 25 19 DIVISION IX LOAN AND CREDIT GUARANTEE FROGRAM.

25 21 Sec. 37. Section 15E.224, subsections 1, 5, and 7, Code

25 22 2005, are amended to read as follows: 25 24 and credit guarantee program. The department, pursuant to 25 25 agreements with financial institutions, shall provide loan and 25 26 credit quarantees, or other forms of credit quarantees for 25 27 qualified businesses and targeted industry businesses for 25 28 eligible project costs. The department may invest up to ten 25 29 percent of the assets of the loan and credit guarantee fund, 25 30 or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is greater, to 31 provide loan and credit guarantees or other forms of credit 32 guarantees for eligible project costs to microenterprises 25 33 located in a municipality with a population under fifty 34 thousand that is not contiguous to a municipality with a 35 population of fifty thousand or more. For purposes of t 1 division, "microenterprise" means a business providing
2 services with five or fewer full=time equivalent employee 26 26 3 positions. A loan or credit guarantee provided under the 4 program may stand alone or may be used in conjunction with or 26 26 26 5 to enhance other loans or credit guarantees offered by 6 private, state, or federal entities. The department may 7 purchase insurance to cover defaulted loans meeting the 26 26 26 8 requirements of the program. However, the department shall not 26 9 in any manner directly or indirectly pledge the credit of the 26 10 state. Eligible project costs include expenditures for 26 11 productive equipment and machinery, working capital for 26 12 operations and export transactions, research and development, 26 13 marketing, and such other costs as the department may so 26 14 designate. 26 15 5. The department shall adopt a loan or credit guarantee 26 16 application procedure for a financial institution on behalf of 26 17 a qualified business, microenterprise, or targeted industry 26 18 business. 26 19 The department may adopt loan and credit guarantee 26 20 application procedures that allow a qualified business_ microenterprise, or targeted industry business to apply 26 22 directly to the department for a preliminary guarantee 26 23 commitment. A preliminary guarantee commitment may be issued 26 24 by the department subject to the qualified business. 26 25 microenterprise, or targeted industry business securing a 26 26 commitment for financing from a financial institution. T 26 27 application procedures shall specify the process by which a 26 28 financial institution may obtain a final loan and credit 26 29 guarantee. 26 30 Sec. 38. Section 15E.22 26 31 amended to read as follows: Section 15E.225, subsection 3, Code 2005, is 26 32 For a preliminary guarantee commitment, the department 26 33 may charge a qualified business, microenterprise, or targeted 26 34 industry business a preliminary guarantee commitment fee. 26 35 application fee shall be in addition to any other fees charged 27 1 by the department under this section and shall not exceed one 27 thousand dollars for an application. 27 DIVISION X 27 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX INCENTIVES 27 Sec. 39. Section 15.113, Code 2005, is amended to read as 27 6 follows: 27 15.113 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE == REPORT. 27 In order for the general assembly to have accurate and 27 complete information regarding expenditures for economic 27 10 development and job training incentives and to respond to the 27 11 job training needs of Iowa workers, the department shall 27 12 provide to the legislative services agency by January 15 of 27 13 each year data on all assistance or benefits provided under 27 14 the community economic betterment program, the new jobs and 27 15 income program, high quality job creation program, and the 27 16 Iowa industrial new jobs training Act during the previous 27 15 27 17 calendar year. The department shall meet with the legislative 27 18 services agency prior to submitting the data to assure that 27 19 its form and specificity are sufficient to provide accurate 27 20 and complete information to the general assembly. The 27 21 department shall also contact other state agencies providing 27 22 financial assistance to Iowa businesses and, to the extent 27 23 practical, coordinate the submission of the data to the 27 24 legislative services agency. 27 25 Sec. 40. Section 15.326, Code 2005, is amended to read as 27 26 follows:

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jobs

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15.326 SHORT TITLE.

27 29 and Income "High Quality Job Creation Act". 27 30 Sec. 41. Section 15.327, Code 2005, is amended to read as 27 31 follows: 27 32 15.32 15.327 DEFINITIONS. 27 33 As used in this part, unless the context otherwise 27 34 requires: 1. "Community" means a city, county, or entity established 27 35 28 1 pursuant to chapter 28E. 28 2. "Contractor or subcontractor" means a person who 3 contracts with the eligible business or a supporting business 4 or subcontracts with a contractor for the provision of 28 28 5 property, materials, or services for the construction or 28 28 6 equipping of a facility, located within the economic 7 development area, of the eligible business or a supporting -28 -2.88 business. 28 9 3. "Department" means the Iowa department of economic 28 10 development. 28 11 4. "Director" means the director of the department or the 28 12 director's designee. 28 13 5. "Economic development area" means a site or sites -2814 designated by the department of economic development for the 28 15 purpose of attracting an eligible business and supporting 28 16 businesses to locate facilities within the state. 28 17 6. 4. "Eligible business" means a business meeting the 28 18 conditions of section 15.329. 28 19 7. 5. "Program" means the new jobs and income high 20 quality job creation program. 6. "Project completion" means the first date upon 28 21 8. 28 22 which the average annualized production of finished product 28 23 for the preceding ninety=day period at the manufacturing 28 24 facility operated by the eligible business within the economic 28 25 development area is at least fifty percent of the initial 28 26 design capacity of the facility. The eligible business shall 28 27 inform the department of revenue in writing within two weeks 28 28 of project completion. 9. "Supporting business" means a business under contract 28 29 28 30 with the eligible business to provide property, materials, or 28 31 services which are a necessary component of the operation of 28 32 the manufacturing facility. To qualify as a supporting 28 33 business, the business shall have a permanent facility or 28 34 operations located within the economic development area and 28 35 the revenue from fulfilling the contract with the eligible -29 1 business shall constitute at least seventy-five percent of the 29 2 revenue generated by the business from all activities -29 3 undertaken from the facility within the economic development -29 7. "Qualifying investment" means a capital investment in 6 real property including the purchase price of land and 7 existing buildings and structures, site preparation. 29 5 29 29 29 8 improvements to the real property, building construction, and 29 9 long=term lease costs. "Qualifying investment" also means a 29 10 capital investment in depreciable assets.
29 11 Sec. 42. Section 15.329, Code 2005, is amended by striking 29 12 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 29 13 15.329 ELIGIBLE BUSINESS. 1. To be eligible to receive incentives under this part, a 29 14 29 15 business shall meet all of the following requirements: 29 16 a. If the qualifying investment is ten million dollars or 29 17 more, the community has approved by ordinance or resolution 29 18 the start-up, location, or expansion of the business for the 29 19 purpose of receiving the benefits of this part. 29 20 b. The business has not closed or substantially reduced 29 21 its operation in one area of the state and relocated 29 22 substantially the same operation in the community. This 29 23 subsection does not prohibit a business from expanding its 29 24 operation in the community if existing operations of a similar 29 25 nature in the state are not closed or substantially reduced. 29 26 c. The business is not a retail or service business.2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, a 29 27 29 28 business shall do at least four of the following in order to 29 29 be eligible for incentives under the program: 29 30 a. Offer a pension or profit sharing plan to full=time 29 31 employees. 29 32 b. Produce or manufacture high value=added goods or 29 33 services or be engaged in one of the following industries: 29 34 (1) Value=added agricultural products. (2)29 35 Insurance and financial services. 1 2 (3) 30 Plastics. 30 (4)Metals. 30 (5) Printing paper or packaging products. (6) Drugs and pharmaceuticals.

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(8) Instruments and measuring devices and medical instruments.

- (9) Recycling and waste management.
- (10)Telecommunications.

(11) Trucking and warehousing.

Retail and service businesses shall not be eligible for 30 12 benefits under this part.

- 30 13 c. Provide and pay at least eighty percent of the cost of 30 14 a standard medical and dental insurance plan for all full=time employees working at the facility in which the new investment 30 16 occurred.
 - d. Make child care services available to its employees.
- e. Invest annually no less than one percent of pretax profits, from the facility located to Iowa or expanded under 30 19 30 20 the program, in research and development in Iowa.
- 30 21 f. Invest annually no less than one percent of pretax profits, from the facility located to Iowa or expanded under 30 22 the program, in worker training and skills enhancement. 30 23
 - g. Have an active productivity and safety improvement program involving management and worker participation and cooperation with benchmarks for gauging compliance.
- 30 27 h. Occupy an existing facility, at least one of the 30 28 buildings of which shall be vacant and shall contain at least twenty thousand square feet
- 3. Any business located in a quality jobs enterprise zone 30 31 is ineligible to receive the economic development incentives
- 30 32 under the program.
 30 33 4. If the department finds that a business has a record of 30 34 violations of the law, including but not limited to 30 35 environmental and worker safety statutes, rules, and 31 1 regulations, over a period of time that tends to show a 2 consistent pattern, the business shall not qualify for economic development assistance under this part, unless the 4 department finds that the violations did not seriously affect 5 public health or safety, or the environment, or if it did, 6 that there were mitigating circumstances. In making the findings and determinations regarding violations, mitigating 8 circumstances, and whether the business is disqualified for 9 economic development assistance under this part, the 31 10 department shall be exempt from chapter 17A.
 31 11 5. The department shall also consider a variety of
- 31 12 factors, including but not limited to the following in 31 13 determining the eligibility of a business to participate in 31 14 the program:
- a. The quality of the jobs to be created. In rating the 31 16 quality of the jobs, the department shall place greater 31 17 emphasis on those jobs that have a higher wage scale, have a 31 18 lower turnover rate, are full=time or career=type positions, 31 19 provide comprehensive health benefits, or have other related 31 20 factors which could be considered to be higher in quality, 31 21 than to other jobs. Businesses that have wage scales 31 22 substantially below that of existing Iowa businesses in that 31 23 area should be rated as providing the lowest quality of jobs 31 24 and should therefore be given the lowest ranking for providing 31 25 such assistance.
- 31 26 b. The impact of the proposed project on other businesses 31 27 in competition with the business being considered for 31 28 assistance. The department shall make a good faith effort to 31 29 identify existing Iowa businesses within an industry in 31 30 competition with the business being considered for assistance. The department shall make a good faith effort to determine the 31 32 probability that the proposed financial assistance will 31 33 displace employees of the existing businesses. In determining 31 34 the impact on businesses in competition with the business 31 35 being considered for assistance, jobs created as a result of other jobs being displaced elsewhere in the state shall not be
 - considered direct jobs created.

 c. The impact to the state of the proposed project. 4 measuring the economic impact, the department shall place greater emphasis on projects which have greater consistency 5 with the state strategic plan than other projects. Greater consistency may include any or all of the following:
 - 8 (1) A business with a greater percentage of sales out=of= state or of import substitution.
- 32 32 10 (2) A business with a higher proportion of in=state suppliers. 32 11
- 32 12 (3) A project which would provide greater diversification 32 13 of the state economy.
 - (4) A business with fewer in-state competitors.
 - (5) A potential for future job growth.

(6) A project which is not a retail operation.

d. If a business has, within three years of application 32 17 32 18 for assistance, acquired or merged with an Iowa corporation or company and the business has made a good faith effort to hire 32 20 the workers of the acquired or merged company.

e. Whether a business provides for a preference for hiring 32 22 residents of the state, except for out=of=state employees 32 23

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Whether all known required environmental permits have 32 25 been issued and regulations met before moneys are released.

6. The department may waive any of the requirements of

this section for good cause shown.

7. An application to receive incentives under this part may be submitted to the department at any time within one year from the time the job for which benefits are sought commences.

32 31 Sec. 43. Section 15.330, Code 2005, is amended by striking 32 32 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 32 33 15.330 AGREEMENT.

A business shall enter into an agreement with the 32 35 department specifying the requirements that must be met to confirm eligibility pursuant to this part. The department shall consult with the community during negotiations relating to the agreement. The agreement shall contain, at a minimum, 4 the following provisions:

A business that is approved to receive incentives 6 shall, for the length of the agreement, certify annually to the department the compliance of the business with the 8 requirements of the agreement. If the business receives a 9 local property tax exemption, the business shall also certify 33 10 annually to the community the compliance of the business with 33 11 the requirements of the agreement.
33 12 2. The repayment of incentives by the business if the

33 13 business does not meet any of the requirements of this part or

33 14 the resulting agreement.

- 3. If a business that is approved to receive incentives 33 16 under this part experiences a layoff within the state or 33 17 closes any of its facilities within the state, the department 33 18 shall have the discretion to reduce or eliminate some or all 33 19 of the incentives. If a business has received incentives 33 20 under this part and experiences a layoff within the state or 33 21 closes any of its facilities within the state, the business 33 22 may be subject to repayment of all or a portion of the 33 23 incentives that it has received.
- 4. A business creating fifteen or fewer new high quality jobs shall have up to three years to complete a project and 33 26 shall be required to maintain the jobs for an additional two 33 27 years. A business creating sixteen or more new high quality 33 28 jobs shall have up to five years to complete a project and 33 29 shall be required to maintain the jobs for an additional two 33 30 years.

Sec. 44. Section 15.331A, Code 2005, is amended to read as 33 32 follows:

15.331A SALES AND USE TAX REFUND == CONTRACTOR OR 33 34 SUBCONTRACTOR.

The eligible business or a supporting business shall be entitled to a refund of the sales and use taxes paid under 2 chapter 423 for gas, electricity, water, or sewer utility 3 services, goods, wares, or merchandise, or on services 4 rendered, furnished, or performed to or for a contractor or 5 subcontractor and used in the fulfillment of a written 6 contract relating to the construction or equipping of a facility within the economic development area of the eligible 8 business or a supporting business. Taxes attributable to 9 intangible property and furniture and furnishings shall not be 34 10 refunded. However, an eligible business shall be entitled to 34 11 a refund for taxes attributable to racks, shelving, and 34 12 conveyor equipment to be used in a warehouse or distribution 34 13 center subject to section 15.331C.

34 14 To receive the refund a claim shall be filed by the 34 15 eligible business or a supporting business with the department 34 16 of revenue as follows:

34 17 The contractor or subcontractor shall state under oath, 34 18 on forms provided by the department, the amount of the sales 34 19 of goods, wares, or merchandise or services rendered, 34 20 furnished, or performed including water, sewer, gas, and 34 21 electric utility services for use in the economic development

34 22 area upon which sales or use tax has been paid prior to the 34 23 project completion, and shall file the forms with the eligible 34 24 business or supporting business before final settlement is

34 25 made.

The eligible business or a supporting business shall,

34 27 not more than one year after project completion, make 34 28 application to the department for any refund of the amount of 34 29 the sales and use taxes paid pursuant to chapter 423 upon any 34 30 goods, wares, or merchandise, or services rendered, furnished, 34 31 or performed, including water, sewer, gas, and electric 34 32 utility services. The application shall be made in the manner 34 33 and upon forms to be provided by the department, and the 34 department shall audit the claim and, if approved, issue a 34 34 35 warrant to the eligible business or supporting business in the 35 1 amount of the sales or use tax which has been paid to the 2 state of Iowa under a contract. A claim filed by the eligible 3 business or a supporting business in accordance with this 35 35 35 4 section shall not be denied by reason of a limitation 5 provision set forth in chapter 421 or 423.
6 3. A contractor or subcontractor who willfully makes a 35 35

false report of tax paid under the provisions of this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor and in addition is liable for the payment of the tax and any applicable penalty and 35 10 interest.

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Section 15.331C, Code 2005, is amended to read as Sec. 45. 35 12 follows:

15.331C CORPORATE TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN SALES TAXES PAID 35 14 BY THIRD=PARTY DEVELOPER.

1. An eligible business or a supporting business may claim 35 16 a corporate tax credit in an amount equal to the taxes paid by 35 17 a third=party developer under chapters 422 and 423 for gas, 35 18 electricity, water, or sewer utility services, goods, wares, 35 19 or merchandise, or on services rendered, furnished, or 35 20 performed to or for a contractor or subcontractor and used in 35 21 the fulfillment of a written contract relating to the 35 22 construction or equipping of a facility within the economic 35 23 development area of the eligible business or supporting -35-24 business. Taxes attributable to intangible property and 35 25 furniture and furnishings shall not be included, but taxes 35 26 attributable to racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be 35 27 used in a warehouse or distribution center shall be included. 35 28 Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may 35 29 be credited to the tax liability for the following seven years 35 30 or until depleted, whichever occurs earlier. An eligible 35 31 business may elect to receive a refund of all or a portion of 35 32 an unused tax credit.

35 33 2. A third-party developer shall state under oath, on 35 34 forms provided by the department of economic development, the 35 35 amount of taxes paid as described in subsection 1 and shall 36 1 submit such forms to the department. The taxes paid shall be 2 itemized to allow identification of the taxes attributable to 36 36 3 racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be used in a 4 warehouse or distribution center. After receiving the form 36 36 5 from the third=party developer, the department shall issue a 36 6 tax credit certificate to the eligible business or supporting 36 7 business equal to the taxes paid by a third-party developer 36 8 under chapters 422 and 423 for gas, electricity, water, or 36 36 9 sewer utility services, goods, wares, or merchandise, or on 36 10 services rendered, furnished, or performed to or for a 11 contractor or subcontractor and used in the fulfillment of a 36 12 written contract relating to the construction or equipping of 36 13 a facility. The department shall also issue a tax credit 36 14 certificate to the eligible business or supporting business 36 15 equal to the taxes paid and attributable to racks, shelving, 36 16 and conveyor equipment to be used in a warehouse or 36 17 distribution center. The aggregate combined total amount of 36 18 tax refunds under section 15.331A for taxes attributable to 36 19 racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be used in a 36 20 warehouse or distribution center and of tax credit 36 21 certificates issued by the department for the taxes paid and 36 22 attributable to racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be 36 23 used in a warehouse or distribution center shall not exceed 36 24 five hundred thousand dollars in a fiscal year. If an 36 25 applicant for a tax credit certificate does not receive a 36 26 certificate for the taxes paid and attributable to racks, 36 27 shelving, and conveyor equipment to be used in a warehouse or 36 28 distribution center, the application shall be considered in 36 29 succeeding fiscal years. The eligible business or supporting 36 30 business shall not claim a tax credit under this section 36 31 unless a tax credit certificate issued by the department of 36 32 economic development is attached to the taxpayer's tax return 36 33 for the tax year for which the tax credit is claimed. 36 34 credit certificate shall contain the eligible business's or 35 supporting business's name, address, tax identification 1 number, the amount of the tax credit, and other information

2 required by the department of revenue.

Sec. 46. Section 15.333, Code 2005, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 15.333 INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT.

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39 11 following amounts:

1. An eligible business may claim a tax credit equal to a percentage of the new investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business under the program. The tax credit shall be amortized equally 37 10 over five calendar years. The tax credit shall be allowed 37 11 against taxes imposed under chapter 422, division II, III, 37 12 V, and against the moneys and credits tax imposed in section If the business is a partnership, S corporation, 37 14 limited liability company, cooperative organized under chapter 37 15 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or 37 16 estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to 37 17 the individual, an individual may claim the tax credit 37 18 allowed. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based 37 19 upon the pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the 37 20 partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, 37 21 cooperative organized under chapter 501 and filing as a 37 22 partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust. The 37 23 percentage shall be determined as provided in section 15.335A. 37 24 Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year 37 25 may be credited to the tax liability for the following seven 37 26 years or until depleted, whichever occurs first. 37 27

Subject to prior approval by the department of economic 37 28 development, in consultation with the department of revenue, 37 29 an eligible business whose project primarily involves the 37 30 production of value=added agricultural products or uses 37 31 biotechnology=related processes may elect to receive a refund 37 32 of all or a portion of an unused tax credit. For purposes of 37 33 this subsection, such an eligible business includes a 37 34 cooperative described in section 521 of the Internal Revenue 37 35 Code which is not required to file an Iowa corporate income 1 tax return, and whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol. The refund may be applied against a tax liability imposed under chapter 422, division II, III, or 4 V, and against the moneys and credits tax imposed in section 533.24. If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the tax credit 38 10 allowed. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based 38 11 upon the pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the 38 12 partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, 38 13 cooperative organized under chapter 501 and filing as a

38 14 partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust. 38 15 2. For purposes of this subsection, "new investment 38 16 directly related to new jobs created by the location or 38 17 expansion of an eligible business under the program" means the 38 18 cost of machinery and equipment, as defined in section 427A.1, 38 19 subsection 1, paragraphs "e" and "j", purchased for use in the 38 20 operation of the eligible business, the purchase price of 38 21 which has been depreciated in accordance with generally 38 22 accepted accounting principles, the purchase price of real 38 23 property and any buildings and structures located on the real 38 24 property, and the cost of improvements made to real property 38 25 which is used in the operation of the eligible business. "N 38 26 investment directly related to new jobs created by the 38 27 location or expansion of an eligible business under the 38 28 program" also means the annual base rent paid to a third= 38 29 party developer by an eligible business for a period not to 38 30 exceed ten years, provided the cumulative cost of the base 38 31 rent payments for that period does not exceed the cost of the 38 32 land and the third=party developer's costs to build or 38 33 renovate the building for the eligible business. The The eligible 38 34 business shall enter into a lease agreement with the third= 38 35 party developer for a minimum of five years. If, however, within five years of purchase, the eligible business sells, 2 disposes of, razes, or otherwise renders unusable all or a 3 part of the land, buildings, or other existing structures for 4 which tax credit was claimed under this section, the tax 5 liability of the eligible business for the year in which all 6 or part of the property is sold, disposed of, razed, or 7 otherwise rendered unusable shall be increased by one of the

One hundred percent of the tax credit claimed under 39 10 this section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within one full year after being placed in service.

b. Eighty percent of the tax credit claimed under this 39 13 section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax

39 14 credit within two full years after being placed in service. Sixty percent of the tax credit claimed under this c. 39 16 section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within three full years after being placed in service.
d. Forty percent of the tax credit claimed under this 39 17 39 18 39 19 section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax 39 20 credit within four full years after being placed in service.
39 21 e. Twenty percent of the tax credit claimed under this 39 22 section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax 39 23 credit within five full years after being placed in service. 39 24 3. a. An eligible business whose project primarily 39 25 involves the production of value=added agricultural products 39 26 or uses biotechnology=related processes, which elects to 39 27 receive a refund of all or a portion of an unused tax credit, 39 28 shall apply to the department of economic development for tax 39 29 credit certificates. Such an eligible business shall not 39 30 claim a tax credit refund under this subsection unless a tax 39 31 credit certificate issued by the department of economic 39 32 development is attached to the taxpayer's tax return for the 39 33 tax year for which the tax credit refund is claimed. 39 34 purposes of this subsection, an eligible business includes a 39 35 cooperative described in section 521 of the Internal Revenue 40 Code which is not required to file an Iowa corporate income 2 tax return, and whose project primarily involves the 3 production of ethanol. For purposes of this subsection, 40 40 4 eligible business also includes a cooperative described in 40 40 5 section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to 40 file an Iowa corporate income tax return and whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol. Such 40 8 cooperative may elect to transfer all or a portion of its tax 40 40 9 credit to its members. The amount of tax credit transferred 40 10 and claimed by a member shall be based upon the pro rata share 40 11 of the member's earnings of the cooperative. 40 12 b. A tax credit certificate issued under this subsection 40 13 shall not be valid until the tax year following the date of 40 14 the capital investment project completion. A tax credit 40 15 certificate shall contain the taxpayer's name, address, tax identification number, the date of project completion, the amount of the tax credit, and other information required by 40 16 40 17 40 18 the department of revenue. The department of economic 40 19 development shall not issue tax credit certificates under this 40 20 subsection which total more than four million dollars during a 40 21 fiscal year. If the department receives and approves 40 22 applications for tax credit certificates under this subsection 40 23 in excess of four million dollars, the applicants shall 40 24 receive certificates for a prorated amount. The tax credit 40 25 certificates shall not be transferred except as provided in 40

26 this subsection for a cooperative described in section 521 of 40 27 the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa 40 28 corporate income tax return and whose project primarily 40 29 involves the production of ethanol. For a cooperative 40 30 described in section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code, 40 31 department of economic development shall require that the 40 32 cooperative submit a list of its members and the share of each 40 33 member's interest in the cooperative. The department shall 40 34 issue a tax credit certificate to each member contained on the 40 35 submitted list. Sec. 47. Section 15.333A, Code 2005, is amended by

striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDITS. 15.333A

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An eligible business may claim an insurance premium tax credit equal to a percentage of the new investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business under the program. The tax credit shall be 9 amortized equally over a five-year period. The tax credit 41 10 shall be allowed against taxes imposed in chapter 432. A tax 41 11 credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be 41 12 credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or 41 13 until depleted, whichever occurs first. The percentage shall 41 14 be determined as provided in section 15.335A.

41 15 For purposes of this section, "new investment directly 41 16 related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an 41 17 eligible business under the program" means the cost of 41 18 machinery and equipment, as defined in section 427A.1, 41 19 subsection 1, paragraphs "e" and "j", purchased for use in the 41 20 operation of the eligible business, the purchase price of 41 21 which has been depreciated in accordance with generally 41 22 accepted accounting principles, the purchase price of real 41 23 property and any buildings and structures located on the real 41 24 property, and the cost of improvements made to real property

41 25 which is used in the operation of the eligible business. 41 26 investment directly related to new jobs created by the 41 27 location or expansion of an eligible business under the 41 28 program" also means the annual base rent paid to a third=party 41 29 developer by an eligible business for a period not to exceed 41 30 ten years, provided the cumulative cost of the base rent 41 31 payments for that period does not exceed the cost of the land 41 32 and the third=party developer's costs to build or renovate the 41 33 building for the eligible business. The eligible business 41 34 shall enter into a lease agreement with the third=party 35 developer for a minimum of five years. If, however, within 1 five years of purchase, the eligible business sells, disposes 41 42 of, razes, or otherwise renders unusable all or a part of the 42 42 land, buildings, or other existing structures for which tax credit was claimed under this section, the tax liability of 42 42 the eligible business for the year in which all or part of the property is sold, disposed of, razed, or otherwise rendered unusable shall be increased by one of the following amounts:

a. One hundred percent of the tax credit claimed under 42 6 42 42

- this section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within one full year after being placed in service.

 b. Eighty percent of the tax credit claimed under this
- 42 12 section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within two full years after being placed in service.
 c. Sixty percent of the tax credit claimed under this 42 13

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- section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within three full years after being placed in service.
- Forty percent of the tax credit claimed under this 42 18 section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax
- 42 19 credit within four full years after being placed in service.
 42 20 e. Twenty percent of the tax credit claimed under this
 42 21 section if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax
 42 22 credit within five full years after being placed in service.
- Sec. 48. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 15.335A TAX INCENTIVES. 1. Tax incentives are available to eligible businesses as 42 25 provided in this section. The incentives are based upon the 42 26 number of new high quality jobs created and the amount of the 42 27 qualifying investment made according to the following 42 28 schedule:
- 42 29 a. The number of new high quality jobs created with an 42 30 annual wage, including benefits, equal to or greater than one hundred thirty percent of the average county wage is one of 42 32 the following:
- (1) The number of jobs is zero and economic activity is 42 34 furthered by the qualifying investment and the amount of the 42 35 qualifying investment is one of the following:
 - (a) Less than one hundred thousand dollars, then the tax
 - incentive is the investment tax credit of up to one percent.

 (b) At least one hundred thousand dollars but less than five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax incentives are the 5 investment tax credit of up to one percent and the sales tax 6 refund.
- (C) At least five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax 8 incentives are the investment tax credit of up to one percent, the sales tax refund, and the additional research and 43 10 development tax credit.
- (2) The number of jobs is one but not more than five and 43 12 the amount of the qualifying investment is one of the 43 13 following:
- (a) Less than one hundred thousand dollars, then the tax 43 15 incentive is the investment tax credit of up to two percent.
- (b) At least one hundred thousand dollars but less than 43 17 five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax incentives are the 43 18 investment tax credit of up to two percent and the sales tax 43 19 refund.
- (c) At least five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax 43 21 incentives are the investment tax credit of up to two percent, 43 22 the sales tax refund, and the additional research and 43 23 development tax credit.
- The number of jobs is six but not more than ten and 43 24 (3) 43 25 the amount of the qualifying investment is one of the 43 26 following:
- (a) Less than one hundred thousand dollars, then the tax 43 28 incentive is the investment tax credit of up to three percent.
- 43 29 (b) At least one hundred thousand dollars but less than 43 30 five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax incentives are the 43 31 investment tax credit of up to three percent and the sales tax 43 32 refund.
- At least five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax 43 33 (C) 43 34 incentives are the investment tax credit of up to three 43 35 percent, the sales tax refund, and the additional research and

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(4) The number of jobs is eleven but not more than fifteen 44 3 and the amount of the qualifying investment is one of the 44 4 following: following:

(a) Less than one hundred thousand dollars, then the tax incentive is the investment tax credit of up to four percent.

- (b) At least one hundred thousand dollars but less than five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax incentives are the investment tax credit of up to four percent and the sales tax 44 10 refund.
- At least five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax (C) 44 12 incentives are the investment tax credit of up to four 44 13 percent, the sales tax refund, and the additional research and 44 14 development tax credit.

The number of jobs is sixteen or more and the amount (5) 44 16 of the qualifying investment is one of the following:

(a) Less than one hundred thousand dollars, then the tax 44 18 incentive is the investment tax credit of up to five percent.

- (b) At least one hundred thousand dollars but less than 44 20 five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax incentives are the 44 21 investment tax credit of up to five percent and the sales tax 44 22 refund.
- At least five hundred thousand dollars, then the tax (C) 44 24 incentives are the investment tax credit of up to five 44 25 percent, the sales tax refund, and the additional research and 44 26 development tax credit. 44 27
- b. In lieu of paragraph "a", the number of new high 44 28 quality jobs created with an annual wage, including benefits, 44 29 equal to or greater than one hundred sixty percent of the 44 30 average county wage is one of the following:
- 44 31 (1) The number of jobs is twenty=one but not more than 44 32 thirty and the amount of the qualifying investment is at least 44 33 ten million dollars, then the tax incentives are the local 44 34 property tax exemption, the investment tax credit of up to six 44 35 percent, the sales tax refund, and the additional research and development tax credit.
 - (2) The number of jobs is thirty=one but not more than forty and the amount of the qualifying investment is at least 4 ten million dollars, then the tax incentives are the local 5 property tax exemption, the investment tax credit of up to seven percent, the sales tax refund, and the additional research and development tax credit. 6
- (3) The number of jobs is forty=one but not more than fifty and the amount of the qualifying investment is at least 45 10 ten million dollars, then the tax incentives are the local 45 11 property tax exemption, the investment tax credit of up to 45 12 eight percent, the sales tax refund, and the additional 45 13 research and development tax credit.
- (4) The number of jobs is fifty=one but not more than 45 15 sixty and the amount of the qualifying investment is at least 45 16 ten million dollars, then the tax incentives are the local property tax exemption, the investment tax credit of up to 45 18 nine percent, the sales tax refund, and the additional 45 19 research and development tax credit.
- 45 20 (5) The number of jobs is at least sixty=one and the 45 21 amount of the qualifying investment is at least ten million 45 22 dollars, then the tax incentives are the local property tax 45 23 exemption, the investment tax credit of up to ten percent, the 45 24 sales tax refund, and the additional research and development 45 25 tax credit.
 - 2. For purposes of this section:
- "Additional research and development tax credit" means 45 28 the research activities credit as provided under section 45 29 15.335.
 - "Average county wage" means the same as defined in b. section 15H.1
 - c. "Benefits" means the same as defined in section 15H.1.d. "Investment tax credit" means the investment tax credit
- or the insurance premium tax credit as provided under section 45 34 45 35 15.333 or 15.333A, respectively.
 - e. "Local property tax exemption" means the property tax exemption as provided under section 15.332.
 - "Sales tax refund" means the sales and use tax refund f. 4 as provided under section 15.331A or the corporate tax credit for certain sales taxes paid by third=party developers as provided under section 15.331C.
- A community may apply to the Iowa economic development 8 board for a project=specific waiver from the average county 9 wage calculations provided in subsection 1 in order for an 46 10 eliqible business to receive tax incentives. The board may 46 11 grant a project=specific waiver from the average county wage

46 12 calculations in subsection 1 for the remainder of the calendar 46 13 year, based on average county or regional wage calculations 46 14 brought forth by the applicant county including, but not

46 15 limited to, any of the following: 46 16 a. The average county wage calculated without wage data 46 17 from the business in the county employing the greatest number 46 18 of full=time employees. 46 19

b. The average regional wage calculated without wage data from up to two adjacent counties.

c. The average county wage calculated without wage data

from the largest city in the county.
d. A qualifying wage guideline for a specific project 46 24 based upon unusual economic circumstances present in the city 46 25 or county.

e. The annualized, average hourly wage paid by all 46 27 businesses in the county located outside the largest city of 46 28 the county.

f. The annualized, average hourly wage paid by all 46 30 businesses other than the largest employer in the entire 46 31 county.

4. 46 32 Average wage calculations made under this section shall 46 33 be calculated quarterly using wage data submitted to the 46 34 department of workforce development during the previous four 46 35 quarters.

5. Each calendar year, the department shall not approve 2 more than three million six hundred thousand dollars worth of investment tax credits for projects with qualifying investments of less than one million dollars.

6. The department shall negotiate the amount of tax incentives provided to an applicant under the program in accordance with this section.

Section 15.336, Code 2005, is amended to read as Sec. 49. follows:

15.336 OTHER INCENTIVES.

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47 10 47 11 An eligible business may receive other applicable federal, 47 12 state, and local incentives and credits in addition to those 47 13 provided in this part. However, a business which participates 47 14 in the program under this part shall not receive any funds
47 15 from the community economic development account under the 47 16 community economic betterment program wage=benefits tax

17 credits under chapter 15H.
18 Sec. 50. Section 15E.196, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code

47 19 2005, is amended to read as follows: 47 20 a. New jobs credit from withholding, as provided in 47 20 a. New jobs credit 47 21 section 15.331 <u>15E.197</u>

Sec. 51. Section 15E.196, subsections 3 and 6, Code 2005, 47 23 are amended to read as follows: 47 24 3. Investment tax credit of

3. Investment tax credit of up to ten percent, as provided 47 25 in section 15.333.

6. Insurance premium tax credit of up to ten percent, as provided in section 15.333A. Sec. 52. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 1 47 27 47 28

15E.197 NEW JOBS CREDIT FROM 47 29 WITHHOLDING.

An eligible business may enter into an agreement with the 47 31 department of revenue and a community college for a 47 31 department of revenue and a community college for a
47 32 supplemental new jobs credit from withholding from jobs
47 33 created under the program. The agreement shall be for program
47 34 services for an additional job training project, as defined in
47 35 chapter 260E. The agreement shall provide for the following:
48 1 1. That the project shall be administered in the same

2 manner as a project under chapter 260E and that a supplemental new jobs credit from withholding in an amount equal to one and 4 one=half percent of the gross wages paid by the eligible 5 business pursuant to section 422.16 is authorized to fund the program services for the additional project.

2. That the supplemental new jobs credit from withholding shall be collected, accounted for, and may be pledged by the 8 community college in the same manner as described in section 48 10 260E.5.

That the auditor of state shall perform an annual audit regarding how the training funds are being used.

48 13 To provide funds for the payment of the costs of the 48 14 additional project, a community college may borrow money 48 15 issue and sell certificates, and secure the payment of the 48 16 certificates in the same manner as described in section 260E.6, including but not limited to providing the assessment 48 17 48 18 of an annual levy as described in section 260E.6, subsection 48 19 4. The program and credit authorized by this section is in 48 20 addition to, and not in lieu of, the program and credit 48 21 authorized in chapter 260E.

4. For purposes of this section, "eligible business" means

48 23 a business which has been approved to receive incentives and 48 24 assistance by the department of economic development pursuant 48 25 to application as provided in section 15E.195.

Sec. 53. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 15H.1 DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise 48 28 requires:

- 48 29 "Average county wage" means the annualized, average 1. 48 30 hourly wage based on wage information compiled by the 48 31 department of workforce development.
 - "Benefits" means all of the following: 2.
 - Medical and dental insurance plans.
 - Pension and profit sharing plans. h.
 - C. Child care services.
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- e. Life insurance coverage.
- Other benefits identified by rule of the department.
- 3. "Department" means the department of revenue.
- "Qualified new job" means a job that meets all of the following: 6
 - (1) Is a new full=time job that has not existed in the business within the previous twelve months in the state.
 (2) Is filled by a new employee for at least twelve
- 49 49 10 months.
 - (3) Is filled by a resident of the state.
 - Is not created as a result of a change in ownership. (4)
- "Qualified new job" does not include any of the b. 49 14 following:
 - A job previously filled by the same employee in the (1)state.
 - (2) A job that was relocated from another location in the state.
- A job that is created as a result of a consolidation, (3) 49 20 merger, or restructuring of a business entity if the job does
- 49 21 not represent a new job in the state.
 49 22 5. "Retained qualified new job" means the continued 49 23 employment for another twelve months of the same employee in a 49 24 qualified new job.
- Sec. 54. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 15H.2 WAGE=BENEFITS TAX CREDIT. 1. a. Any nonretail, nonservice business may claim a tax 49 27 credit equal to a percentage of the annual wages and benefits 49 28 paid for a qualified new job created by the location or 49 29 expansion of the business in the state. The tax credit The tax credit shall 49 30 be allowed against taxes imposed under chapter 422, division 49 31 II, III, or V, and chapter 432 and against the moneys and 49 32 credits tax imposed in section 533.24. The percentage shall 49 33 be equal to the amount provided in subsection 2.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability shall be 49 35 refunded. In lieu of claiming a refund, a taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment shown on the taxpayer's final, completed return credited to the tax liability for the

- following taxable year.

 b. If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the tax credit allowed. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, 50 10
 - limited liability company, or estate or trust.

 2. The percentage of the annual wages and benefits paid for a qualified new job is determined as follows:
- 50 12 50 13 a. If the annual wage and benefits for the qualified new 50 14 job equals less than one hundred thirty percent of the average county wage, zero percent. 50 15
- b. If the annual wage and benefits for the qualified new job equals at least one hundred thirty percent but less than 50 18 one hundred sixty percent of the average county wage, five 50 19
- c. If the annual wage and benefits for the qualified new job equals at least one hundred sixty percent of the average 50 22 county wage, ten percent.
- 50 23 3. A qualified new job is entitled to the tax credit upon 50 24 the end of the twelfth month of the job having been filled. 50 25 Once a qualified new job is approved for a tax credit, tax 50 26 credits for the next four subsequent tax years may be approved 50 27 if the job continues to be filled and application is made as provided in section 15H.3. The percentage determined under 50 28 provided in section 15H.3. 50 29 subsection 2 for the first tax year shall continue to apply to 50 30 subsequent tax credits as the credits relate to that qualified 50 31 new job.
- 50 32 Sec. 55. NEW SECTION. 15H.3 TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATION == 50 33 CREDIT LIMITATION.

In order for a wage=benefit tax credit to be claimed, 50 35 the business shall submit an application to the department along with information on the qualified new job or retained 2 qualified new job and any other information required. 3 Applications for approval of the tax credit shall be on forms 4 approved by the department. Within forty=five days of receipt of the application, the department shall either approve or disapprove the application. After the forty=five=day limit, the application is deemed approved.

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2. Upon approval of the tax credit and subject to subsection 4, a tax credit certificate shall be issued by the department. A tax credit certificate shall identify the 51 10 51 11 business claiming the tax credit under this chapter and the 51 12 wage and benefit costs incurred during the previous twelve 51 13 months.

3. The tax credit certificate shall contain the taxpayer's 51 15 name, name, address, tax identification number, the date of the qualified new job, the amount of credit, and other information required by the department. 51 17

The total amount of tax credit certificates that may be 4. issued for a fiscal year under this chapter shall not exceed 51 20 ten million dollars. The department shall establish by rule 51 21 the procedures for the application, review, selection, 51 22 awarding of certificates, and the method to be used to 51 23 determine for which fiscal year the tax credits are available. 51 24 If the approved tax credits exceed the maximum amount for a 51 25 fiscal year, tax credit certificates shall be issued on an 51 26 earliest date applied basis.

5. a. A nonretail, nonservice business that has created a 51 28 qualified new job for which a tax credit certificate under 51 29 this chapter is issued is eligible to receive a tax credit 51 30 certificate for each of the four subsequent tax years if the 51 31 business retains the qualified new job during each of the 51 32 twelve months ending in each of the tax years by applying for 33 the credit under this section.

A nonretail, nonservice business that created a b. 51 35 qualified new job but failed to receive all or part of the tax credit because of the limitation in subsection 4 is eligible to reapply for the tax credit for the retained qualified new

4 6. a. A business whose application has been disapproved 5 by the department may appeal the decision to the Iowa economic 6 development board within thirty days of notice of disapproval. If the board subsequently approves the application, the business shall receive the tax credit certificates subject to 9 the availability of the amount of credits that may be issued 52 10 as provided in subsection 4.

b. A nonretail, nonservice business may apply to the Iowa economic development board for a waiver of any provision of 52 11 52 12 52 13 this chapter as it relates to the requirements for qualifying 52 14 for the wage=benefits tax credit. The Iowa economic 52 15 development board shall establish by rule the conditions under 52 16 which a waiver of such requirements will be granted. A waiver 52 17 from average county wage calculations shall be applied for and 52 18 considered by the board according to the procedures provided 52 19 in section 15.335A.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 56. 15H.4 MONITORING OF JOB CREATION. The department shall develop definitions for the terms "job 52 22 creation and "job retention" to measure and identify the 52 23 number of permanent, full=time positions which businesses 52 24 actually create and retain and which can be documented by 52 25 comparison of the payroll reports during the twenty=four=month 52 26 period before and after tax credits are earned. 52 27 Sec. 57. NEW SECTION. 15H.5 OTHER INCENTIVES.

52 28 A nonretail, nonservice business may receive other 52 29 applicable federal, state, and local incentives and tax 52 30 credits in addition to those provided in this chapter. 52 31 However, a business which has received a tax credit under this 52 32 chapter shall not receive tax incentives under the high 52 33 quality job creation program in chapter 15, subchapter II, 52 34 part 13.

Sec. 58. NEW SECTION. 422.11L WAGE=BENEFITS TAX CREDIT. The taxes imposed under this division, less the credits allowed under sections 422.12 and 422.12B, shall be reduced by a wage=benefits tax credit authorized pursuant to section 15H.2.

Sec. 59. Section 422.16A, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

422.16A JOB TRAINING WITHHOLDING == CERTIFICATION AND TRANSFER.

Upon the completion by a business of its repayment

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53 10 obligation for a training project funded under chapter 260E,
53 11 including a job training project funded under section 15A.8 or
53 12 repaid in whole or in part by the supplemental new jobs credit
           from withholding under section 15A.7 or section \frac{15.331}{15E.197}, the sponsoring community college shall report to the
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53 15 department of economic development the amount of withholding
53 16 paid by the business to the community college during the final
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           twelve months of withholding payments.
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53 18 economic development shall notify the department of revenue of
53 19 that amount. The department shall credit to the workforce
53 20 development fund account established in section 15.342A
53 21 twenty=five percent of that amount each quarter for a period
53 22 of ten years. If the amount of withholding from the business
53 23 or employer is insufficient, the department shall prorate the 53 24 quarterly amount credited to the workforce development fund
53 25 account.
                           The maximum amount from all employers which shall be
53 26 transferred to the workforce development fund account in any
53 27 year is four million dollars.
                Sec. 60. Section 422.33, Code 2005, is amended by adding
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53 29 the following new subsection:
           NEW SUBSECTION. 18. The taxes imposed under this division shall be reduced by a wage=benefits tax credit authorized
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           pursuant to section 15H.2.
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                Sec. 61. Section 422.60, Code 2005, is amended by adding
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           the following new subsection:
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                NEW SUBSECTION. 10. The taxes imposed under this division
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           shall be reduced by a wage=benefits tax credit authorized
           pursuant to section 15H.2.
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                Sec. 62. Section 427B.17, subsection 5, unnumbered
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           paragraph 2, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
           Any electric power generating plant which operated during
the preceding assessment year at a net capacity factor of more
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           than twenty percent, shall not receive the benefits of this
       8 section or of sections section 15.332 and 15.334. For 9 purposes of this section, "electric power generating plant"
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54 10 means any nameplate rated electric power generating plant, in 54 11 which electric energy is produced from other forms of energy, 54 12 including all taxable land, buildings, and equipment used in 54 13 the production of such energy. "Net capacity factor" means 54 14 net actual generation divided by the product of net maximum 54 15 reposition of the product 
54 15 capacity times the number of hours the unit was in the active 54 16 state during the assessment year. Upon commissioning, a unit 54 17 is in the active state until it is decommissioned. "Net
54 18 actual generation" means net electrical megawatt hours
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           produced by the unit during the preceding assessment year. "Net maximum capacity" means the capacity the unit can sustain
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54 21 over a specified period when not restricted by ambient
          conditions or equipment deratings, minus the losses associated with station service or auxiliary loads.
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                Sec. 63. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 432.12G WAGE=BENEFITS TAX CREDIT.
                The taxes imposed under this chapter shall be reduced by a
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          wage=benefits tax credit authorized pursuant to section 15H.2.
                Sec. 64. Section 533.24, Code 2005, is amended by adding
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          the following new subsection:
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                NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The moneys and credits tax imposed
54 30 under this section shall be reduced by a wage=benefits tax
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           credit authorized pursuant to section 15H.2.
           Sec. 65. Sections 15.331, 15.331B, 15.334, 15.334A, 15.337, and 15.381 through 15.387, Code 2005, are repealed.
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                                 CONTRACT VALIDITY == NEW JOBS AND INCOME PROGRAM
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           == NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM. Any contract entered into for a project or activity approved by the department of
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           economic development under the new jobs and income program and
           the new capital investment program remains valid.
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       4 elimination of the new jobs and income program and the new 5 capital investment program under this Act shall not constitute
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           grounds for recision or modification of contracts entered into
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           with the department under the programs.
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                                 EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATE.
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           of this division of this Act relating to Code chapter 15H,
55 10 being deemed of immediate importance, take effect upon
55 11 enactment and apply to qualified new jobs created on or after
55 12 the effective date of this division of this Act. This
55 13 division of this Act applies to tax years ending on or after
55 14 the effective date of this division of this Act.
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55 18 Sec. 68. Section 15.335, subsection 1, unnumbered 55 19 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows: 55 20 An eligible business may claim a corporate tax credit for

55 21 increasing research activities in this state during the period 55 22 the eligible business is participating in the program. For 55 23 purposes of this section, "research activities" includes the 55 24 development and deployment of innovative renewable energy 55 25 generation components manufactured or assembled in this state. 55 26 For purposes of this section, "innovative renewable energy
55 27 generation components" does not include a component with more 28 than two hundred megawatts of installed effective nameplate 55 29 capacity. The tax credits for innovative renewable energy 55 30 generation components shall not exceed one million dollars. 55 31 DIVISION XII 55 32 ENDOW IOWA 55 33 Sec. 69. Section 15E.303, subsections 4 and 6, Code 2005, 55 34 are amended to read as follows:
55 35 4. "Endowment gift" means an irrevocable contribution to a 55 35 permanent endowment held by a an endow Iowa qualified 56 56 community foundation. 3 6. "Qualified "Endow Iowa qualified community foundation" 4 means a community foundation organized or operating in this 56 56 56 5 state that meets or exceeds substantially complies with the 6 national standards established by the national council on 7 foundations as determined by the department in collaboration 56 56 56 8 with the Iowa council of foundations.
56 9 Sec. 70. Section 15E.304, subsection 2, paragraphs c and 56 10 d, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows: 56 56 11 Identify a an endow Iowa qualified community foundation 56 12 to hold all funds. A An endow Iowa qualified community 56 13 foundation shall not be required to meet this requirement d. Provide a plan to the board demonstrating the method 56 14 56 15 for distributing grant moneys received from the board to organizations within the community or geographic area as defined by the endow Iowa qualified community foundation or 56 16 56 17 56 18 the community affiliate organization. 56 19 Sec. 71. Section 15E.304, subsection 3, Code 2005, is 56 20 amended to read as follows: 3. Endow Iowa grants awarded to new and existing endow 56 21 56 22 Iowa qualified community foundations and to community 56 23 affiliate organizations shall not exceed twenty=five thousand 56 24 dollars per foundation or organization unless a foundation or 56 25 organization demonstrates a multiple county or regional 56 26 approach. Endow Iowa grants may be awarded on an annual basis 56 27 with not more than three grants going to one county in a with not more than three grants going to one county in a 56 28 fiscal year. 56 29 Sec. 72. Section 15E.305, subsection 1, Code 2005, is 56 30 amended to read as follows: 1. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, a 56 31 56 32 tax credit shall be allowed against the taxes imposed in 56 33 chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V, and in chapter 432, a 56 34 against the moneys and credits tax imposed in section 533.24 56 35 equal to twenty percent of a taxpayer's endowment gift to $\frac{1}{2}$ <u>57</u> 57 endow Iowa qualified community foundation. An individual may claim a tax credit under this section of a partnership, 57 3 limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust 4 electing to have income taxed directly to the individual. The 5 amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro 57 57 rata share of the individual's earnings from the partnership, 57 57 limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust. tax credit shall be allowed only for an endowment gift made to a <u>an endow Iowa</u> qualified community foundation for a permanent 57 57 57 10 endowment fund established to benefit a charitable cause in 57 11 this state. Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax 57 12 liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax 57 13 liability for the following five years or until depleted, 57 14 whichever occurs first. A tax credit shall not be carried 57 15 back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer 57 16 claims the tax credit. 57 17 Sec. 73. Section 15E.305, subsection 2, Code 2005, is 57 18 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph: 57 19 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Ten percent of the aggregate 57 20 amount of tax credits authorized in a calendar year shall be 57 21 reserved for those endowment gifts in amounts of thirty 57 22 thousand dollars or less. If by September 1 of a calendar 57 23 year the entire ten percent of the reserved tax credits is not

57 27 amended to read as follows: 57 28 4. A tax credit shall not be authorized pursuant to this 57 29 section after December 31, 2005 2008. 57 30 Sec. 75. Section 15E.311, subsection 3, paragraphs a and

Sec. 74. Section 15E.305, subsection 4, Code 2005, is

57 24 distributed, the remaining tax credits shall be available to

57 31 c, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:

57 25 any other eligible applicants.

At the end of each fiscal year, moneys in the fund 57 33 shall be transferred into separate accounts within the fund 57 34 and designated for use by each county in which no licensee 57 35 authorized to conduct gambling games under chapter 99F was 58 1 located during that fiscal year. Moneys transferred to county 58 2 accounts shall be divided equally among the counties. Moneys 58 3 transferred into an account for a county shall be transferred 4 by the department to an eligible county recipient for that 58 5 county. Of the moneys transferred, an eligible county 6 recipient shall distribute seventy=five percent of the moneys 58 7 as grants to charitable organizations for educational, civic, 58 8 public, charitable, patriotic, or religious uses, as defined -58 9 in section 99B.7, subsection 3, paragraph "b", charitable -58 10 purposes in that county and shall retain twenty=five percent 58 58 11 of the moneys for use in establishing a permanent endowment 58 12 fund for the benefit of charitable organizations for 58 13 educational, civic, public, charitable, patriotic, or 58 14 religious uses, as defined in section 99B.7, subsection 3, 58 15 paragraph "b" charitable purposes. 58 16 c. For purposes of 3A. 58 17 As used in this subsection section, an "eliqible 58 18 unless the context otherwise requires: 58 19 a. "Charitable organization" means an organization that is 58 20 described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 58 21 that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the 58 22 Internal Revenue Code or an organization that is established 58 23 for a charitable purpose. 58 24 b. "Charitable purpose" means a purpose described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a 58 58 26 benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, 58 27 patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, 58 27 patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health,
58 28 environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary 58 29 objective.
58 30 <u>c. "Eligible</u> county recipient" means a an endow Iowa
58 31 qualified community foundation or community affiliate 58 32 organization, as defined in section 15E.303, that is selected, 58 33 in accordance with the procedures described in section 58 34 15E.304, to receive moneys from an account created in this 58 35 section for a particular county. To be selected as an 59 1 eligible county recipient, a community affiliate organization 59 shall establish a county affiliate fund to receive moneys as 59 provided by this section. 59 Sec. 76. Section 15E.311, Code 2005, is amended by adding 59 5 the following new subsection: 59 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. Three percent of the moneys deposited in the county endowment fund shall be used by the lead 59 8 philanthropic organization identified by the department 59 59 9 pursuant to section 15E.304 for purposes of administering and 59 10 marketing the county endowment fund. 59 11 Sec. 77. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the 59 12 general assembly that the entire two million dollars worth of 59 13 tax credits allowed under section 15E.305, subsection 2, shall 59 14 be issued. 59 15 59 15 Sec. 78. EFFECTIVE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATES. 59 16 This division of this Act, being deemed of immediate 59 17 importance, takes effect upon enactment and applies 59 18 retroactively to January 1, 2005. 59 19 DIVISION XIII 59 20 E=85 BLENDED GASOLINE Sec. 79. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 15.401 E=85 BLENDED GASOLINE. 59 21 59 22 The department shall provide a cost=share program for 59 23 financial incentives for the installation or conversion of 59 24 infrastructure used by service stations to sell and dispense 59 25 E=85 blended gasoline and for the installation or conversion 59 26 of infrastructure required to establish on-site and off-site 59 27 terminal facilities that store biodiesel for distribution to 59 28 service stations. The department shall provide for an 59 29 addition of at least thirty new or converted E=85 retail 59 30 outlets and four new or converted on=site or off=site terminal 59 31 facilities with a maximum expenditure of three hundred twenty= 59 32 five thousand dollars per year for the fiscal period beginning 59 33 July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2008. The department may 59 34 provide for the marketing of these products in conjunction

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59 35 with this infrastructure program.