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SENATE FILE 2421
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3196)

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A BILL FOR

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

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

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DIVISION I
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
..... \$ 20,162,310
..... FTEs 420.00

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

..... \$ 325,000

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

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS — HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department's administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section

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

3 \$ 305,516

4 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR
5 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable
6 fuel infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the
7 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
9 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
10 used for the purposes designated:

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

13 \$ 500,000

14 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

15 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
16 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
17 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
18 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
19 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
20 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

21 1. DAIRY REGULATION

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

25 \$ 189,196

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

31 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

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

34 \$ 75,000

35 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement

1 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
2 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
3 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
4 and home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

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

10 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

14 \$ 150,000

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

20 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

21 a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
22 and response fund created in section 163.3B to further
23 implement a foreign animal disease preparedness and response
24 strategy as described in section 163.3C:

25 \$ 1,050,000

26 b. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
27 and response fund created in section 163.3B, for purposes
28 of purchasing and maintaining equipment to further the
29 implementation of the foreign animal disease preparedness and
30 response strategy developed under section 163.3C:

31 \$ 250,000

32 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

33 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
34 disabilities:

35 \$ 230,000

1 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
 2 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
 3 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
 4 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
 5 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
 6 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
 7 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
 8 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
 9 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the
 10 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged
 11 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
 12 modification consultations, peer support services, services
 13 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
 14 services.

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

20 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

21 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
 22 conservation fund created pursuant to [section 161D.2](#):
 23 \$ 400,000

24 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills
 25 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$360,000
 26 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

27 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the
 28 fund's hungry canyons account as provided in this paragraph may
 29 be used for administrative costs.

30 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills
 31 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$40,000
 32 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance account.

33 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to
 34 the fund's loess hills alliance account as provided in this
 35 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

1 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

4 \$ 200,000

5 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
6 to the fund as provided in this subsection may be used for
7 administrative costs.

8 8. GRAIN REGULATION

9 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203
10 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
11 miscellaneous purposes:

12 \$ 350,000

13 Sec. 5. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PILOT PROJECT FOR
14 SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR FOOD BANKS AND IOWA EMERGENCY
15 FEEDING ORGANIZATIONS.

16 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
17 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
19 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
20 used for the purposes designated:

21 For purposes of supporting a choose Iowa food purchasing
22 pilot project to assist eligible participants in purchasing
23 qualified food products:

24 \$ 200,000

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

30 3. The department shall administer the pilot project
31 according to all of the following:

32 a. A farm or business that owns or operates the farm
33 source shall be given a preference to participate in the pilot
34 project if the farm or business is currently participating in
35 the choose Iowa promotional program as provided in chapter

1 159, subchapter II, part 2, Code 2024. Otherwise, a farm
2 or business may participate in the pilot project if the farm
3 or business has applied to participate in the choose Iowa
4 promotional program and the department determines that the
5 application will be approved.

6 b. An eligible participant is limited to any of the
7 following:

8 (1) A public or private school or a school district, if the
9 public or private school or school district is not currently
10 participating in the farm-to-school program.

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

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

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

16 (2) For an Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding
17 organization, meat and poultry, dairy products, eggs, honey,
18 and produce.

19 d. The department is not required to follow a requirement in
20 chapter 190A that the department determines is not practical
21 for the pilot project.

22 4. a. Of the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, not more
23 than \$100,000 shall be used to reimburse schools or school
24 districts and not more than \$150,000 shall be used to reimburse
25 Iowa food banks and Iowa emergency feeding organizations.

26 b. An eligible participant shall be reimbursed on a matching
27 basis with the department contributing \$1 for every \$1 expended
28 by the eligible participant.

29 c. (1) A school or school district shall not receive more
30 than \$1,000 for participating in the pilot project.

31 (2) An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization
32 shall not receive more than \$25,000 for participating in the
33 pilot project.

34 5. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
35 moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to pay for the costs of

1 administering the pilot project.

2 6. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
3 subsection 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
4 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the
5 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
6 expenditure for the purposes designated in subsection 1 until
7 the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

8 7. The department shall prepare and submit a report
9 regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor and
10 general assembly not later than January 15, 2025.

11 DIVISION II

12 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

13 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

14 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
15 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following
17 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
18 purposes designated:

19 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
20 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
21 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
22 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
23 \$ 12,500,000
24 FTEs 1,145.95

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

32 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
33 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
34 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
35 expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to

1 support the department's administration, regulation, and
2 programs.

3 Sec. 7. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
4 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

5 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
6 protection fund created pursuant to [section 456A.17](#) to the
7 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,
9 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
10 designated:

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

17 \$ 49,752,093

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

24 3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may
25 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish
26 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
27 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as is necessary to fund
28 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the
29 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
30 subsection 1.

31 Sec. 8. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
32 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created
33 in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for
34 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
35 2025, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to

1 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
2 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3 For purposes of supporting the department's protection
4 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,
5 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
6 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:
7 \$ 3,455,850

8 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

9 Sec. 9. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE

10 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
11 fund created under section 321G.7 to the department of natural
12 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
13 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
14 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

15 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
16 snowmobile programs:
17 \$ 100,000

18 Sec. 10. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE

19 TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the
20 unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive
21 petroleum underground storage tank fund board established
22 pursuant to section 455G.4 to the department of natural
23 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
24 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
25 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

26 For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the
27 department's underground storage tanks section:
28 \$ 200,000

29 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

30 Sec. 11. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO

31 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
32 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
33 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
34 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
35 used for the purposes designated:

1 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

2 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
3 safety:

4 \$ 1,510,000

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

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

15 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

16 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
17 programs:

18 \$ 525,000

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

24 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

25 For supporting operations at state parks, including
26 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

27 \$ 1,000,000

28 DIVISION III

29 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

30 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

31 Sec. 12. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

32 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
33 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
34 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
35 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be

1 used for the purposes designated:

2 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
3 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
4 laboratory and for not more than the following full-time
5 equivalent positions:

6	\$	4,500,000
7	FTEs	51.00

8 2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology
9 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the
10 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the
11 appropriation made in this section.

12 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a reduction made
13 to support the college of veterinary medicine if the same
14 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary
15 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of
16 science and technology's budget units.

17 3. If by June 30, 2025, Iowa state university of science and
18 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this
19 section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance
20 with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for
21 that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

22 Sec. 13. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS.

23 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
24 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
25 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
26 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
27 used for the purposes designated:

28 For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension 29 service in agriculture and home economics in providing 30 technical support to landowners and loggers regarding the 31 management of private forests in northeast Iowa, and for not 32 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:		
33	\$	150,000
34	FTEs	1.00

35 2. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with

1 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
2 economics in administering this section.

3 Sec. 14. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.

4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
5 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
6 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
7 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
8 used for the purposes designated:

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

11 \$ 291,390

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

16 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

17 Sec. 15. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND — VETERINARY
18 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there
19 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created
20 in section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and
21 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
22 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
23 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

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

27 \$ 120,000

28 DIVISION IV

29 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

30 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

31 Sec. 16. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
32 (I-CASH).

33 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
34 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
35 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,

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

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

9 \$ 128,154

10 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
11 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
12 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
13 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
14 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
15 July 1, 2024, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2023.

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

22 3. If by June 30, 2025, the state university of Iowa fails
23 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance
24 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
25 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection
26 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
27 30, 2025, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
28 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section
29 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the
30 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or
31 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or
32 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount
33 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any
34 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant
35 to [section 8.33](#).

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DIVISION V
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND

STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

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

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

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

2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

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

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

3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

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

5 \$ 900,000

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

9 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

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

12 \$ 8,325,000

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

16 \$ 140,000

17 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred to
18 the fund's hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph
19 (1) may be used for administrative costs.

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

25 \$ 8,185,000

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

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

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

9 g. The state soil conservation and water quality committee
10 established by [section 161A.4](#) may allocate moneys appropriated
11 in paragraph "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects
12 to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution
13 control practices.

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

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

20 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

23 \$ 3,800,000

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

27 Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
28 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
29 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
30 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
31 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
32 used for the purposes designated:

33 1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

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

1 \$ 6,235,000

2 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

3 To provide local watershed managers with geographic

4 information system data for their use in developing,

5 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

6 \$ 195,000

7 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

8 For continuing the establishment and operation of water

9 quality monitoring stations:

10 \$ 2,955,000

11 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

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

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

14 \$ 500,000

15 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

16 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including

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

18 \$ 1,320,000

19 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

20 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

21 \$ 375,000

22 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

23 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient

24 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary

25 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality

26 standards from particulate matter:

27 \$ 425,000

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

29 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first

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

31 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June

32 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is

33 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

34 1. OPERATIONS

35 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa

1 geological survey of the state as created within the state
2 university of Iowa pursuant to [section 456.1](#), including but not
3 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,
4 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for
5 water supply development and protection:

6 \$ 200,000

7 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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

14 \$ 495,000

15 Sec. 20. REVERSION.

16 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
17 notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of this
19 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
20 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
21 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
22 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
23 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

24 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for
25 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of
26 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
27 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of
28 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain
29 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
30 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
31 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
32 beginning July 1, 2027.

33 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred
34 pursuant to this division of this Act to the loess hills
35 development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#),

1 which shall not revert as provided in that section.

2 DIVISION VI
3 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND
4 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

5 Sec. 21. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
6 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

7 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
8 created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture
9 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
10 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so
11 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
12 designated:

13 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
14 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
15 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
16 and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including
17 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
18 \$ 2,375,000

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

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

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

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

34 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
35 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by

1 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
2 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
3 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
4 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
5 subwatershed.

6 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
7 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
8 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
9 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of
10 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
11 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
12 whichever is less.

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

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

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

31 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used
32 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of
33 efforts provided in this section.

34 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by
35 the department to support urban soil and water conservation

1 efforts, which may include but are not limited to management
2 practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of
3 permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration.
4 The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided
5 in [chapter 161A](#).

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

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

16 DIVISION VII

17 IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

18 Sec. 22. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
19 lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 455A.18](#), there is
20 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
21 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
23 30, 2025, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
24 section 455A.19:

25 \$ 12,000,000

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

28 Notwithstanding [section 455A.19, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a",
29 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
30 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,
31 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural
32 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,
33 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July
34 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.

35 DIVISION VIII

1 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS — MARKETING AGRICULTURAL
2 PRODUCTS — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
3 PART A

4 MARKETING PROGRAMS — APPROPRIATION PROVISIONS CONDITIONED ON
5 FAILURE TO ENACT CERTAIN LEGISLATION

6 Sec. 24. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM, CHOOSE
7 IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM, AND DAIRY INNOVATION FUND. There
8 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
9 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
10 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
11 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
12 used for the purposes designated:

13 1. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

14 a. For the administration and execution of a value-added
15 agriculture grant program to identify, evaluate, and support
16 programs and services that add value to agriculture products,
17 enable new technology, and support marketing strategies:

18 \$ 463,000

19 b. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#)
20 necessary to implement and administer this subsection.

21 c. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
22 moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" to pay for the costs of
23 administering the grant program described in that paragraph.

24 d. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
25 paragraph "a" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
26 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the
27 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
28 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
29 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

30 2. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

31 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund established pursuant to
32 section 159.31:

33 \$ 600,000

34 3. DAIRY INNOVATION FUND

35 a. For deposit in the dairy innovation fund created in

1 section 159.31A:

2 \$ 750,000

3 b. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
4 moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" to pay for the costs of
5 administering the dairy innovation program.

6 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, and section 159.31A,
7 subsection 2, paragraph "b", moneys appropriated in paragraph
8 "a" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, that remain
9 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
10 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
11 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
12 beginning July 1, 2026.

13 Sec. 25. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
14 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, only if 2024
15 Iowa Acts, House File 2641, is not enacted.

16 PART B

17 MARKETING PROGRAMS — APPROPRIATION PROVISIONS CONDITIONED ON
18 ENACTMENT OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

19 Sec. 26. CHOOSE IOWA FUND.

20 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
21 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
22 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
23 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
24 used for the purposes designated:

25 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund as created in section
26 187.201:

27 \$ 1,813,000

28 2. a. (1) Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
29 the department shall use \$463,000 to support the value-added
30 agricultural grant program created in section 187.321.

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

35 (3) Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the

1 department shall use \$750,000 to support the dairy innovation
2 and revitalization program created in section 187.311.

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

11 Sec. 27. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
12 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, only if 2024
13 Iowa Acts, House File 2641, is enacted.

14 DIVISION IX

15 BUTCHERY INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION FUND AND PROGRAM

16 Sec. 28. APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

17 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
18 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
19 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
20 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
21 used for the purposes designated:

22 For the establishment and administration of a new butchery
23 innovation and revitalization program to award financial
24 assistance to eligible businesses for projects based on
25 criteria described in section 15E.370:

26 \$ 249,695

27 2. The department shall adopt rules under chapter 17A as it
28 deems necessary or desirable to establish and administer the
29 program described in subsection 1.

30 3. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
31 moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to pay for the costs of
32 administering the program described in subsection 1.

33 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
34 subsection 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
35 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the

1 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
2 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

4 DIVISION X

5 BLUFFLANDS PROTECTION REVOLVING FUND

6 PART A

7 APPROPRIATIONS

8 Sec. 29. APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

9 1. Notwithstanding sections 161A.80A and 161A.80B, there
10 is appropriated from the blufflands protection revolving fund
11 created in section 161A.80A to the state university of Iowa for
12 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
13 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
14 to be used for the purposes designated:

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

19 \$ 250,000

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

28 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys transferred in
29 subsection 1 shall not revert to any fund but shall remain
30 available for the purposes designated in subsection 1.

31 Sec. 30. APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT CHOOSE IOWA FOOD
32 PURCHASING PILOT PROJECT.

33 1. Notwithstanding sections 161A.80A and 161A.80B, there
34 is appropriated from the blufflands protection revolving fund
35 created in section 161A.80A to the department of agriculture

1 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so
3 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
4 designated:

5 For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food purchasing
6 pilot project for schools and school districts or food banks
7 and Iowa emergency feeding organizations as provided in this
8 Act:

9 \$ 100,000

10 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
11 subsection 1 shall not revert to any fund but shall remain
12 available for the purposes designated in subsection 1.

13 Sec. 31. APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT STATE PARK AND RECREATION
14 AREAS ACCESSIBILITY.

15 1. Notwithstanding sections 161A.80A and 161A.80B, after
16 moneys have been appropriated to support purposes described
17 in this part of this division of this Act, any unobligated or
18 unencumbered moneys remaining in the blufflands protection
19 revolving fund created in section 161A.80A are appropriated to
20 the department of natural resources for purposes of increasing
21 accessibility for persons with disabilities when visiting state
22 parks and recreation areas.

23 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
24 subsection 1 shall not revert to any fund but shall remain
25 available for the purposes designated in subsection 1.

26 3. After moneys have been appropriated to support purposes
27 described in this part of this division of this Act, the
28 blufflands protection program created in section 161A.80A is
29 suspended and moneys shall not be expended from the blufflands
30 protection revolving fund other than to wind down existing
31 obligations and comply with section 161A.80B.

32 PART B

33 CODIFIED PROVISIONS

34 Sec. 32. Section 161A.80A, subsection 2, Code 2024, is
35 amended to read as follows:

1 2. A blufflands protection revolving fund is created in
2 the state treasury. All proceeds shall be divided into two
3 equal accounts. One account shall be used for the purchase
4 of blufflands along the Mississippi river and its tributaries
5 and the other account shall be used for the purchase of
6 blufflands along the Missouri river and its tributaries. The
7 proceeds of the revolving fund are appropriated to make loans
8 to conservation organizations ~~which~~ that agree to purchase
9 bluffland properties adjacent to state public lands. The
10 department of agriculture and land stewardship, in conjunction
11 with the department of natural resources, shall adopt rules
12 pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to administer the disbursement of
13 funds. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7](#), interest or earnings on
14 investments made pursuant to [this section](#) or as provided in
15 section 12B.10 shall be credited to the blufflands protection
16 revolving fund. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), unobligated
17 or unencumbered funds credited to the blufflands protection
18 revolving fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal year.
19 ~~However, the maximum balance in the blufflands protection~~
20 ~~revolving fund shall not exceed two million five hundred~~
21 ~~thousand dollars. Any funds in excess of two million five~~
22 ~~hundred thousand dollars shall be credited to the rebuild Iowa~~
23 ~~infrastructure fund. No loan shall be made under this section~~
24 ~~on or after July 1, 2025.~~

25 Sec. 33. Section 161A.80B, subsection 1, Code 2024, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 1. The principal and interest from any loan made pursuant to
28 section 161A.80A, ~~as enacted in [2015 Iowa Acts, ch 132, §45](#),~~
29 ~~remaining outstanding on July 1, 2025, that would have been~~
30 ~~payable to the blufflands protection revolving fund created~~
31 ~~in [section 161A.80A](#),~~ that is due shall instead be paid to the
32 division ~~on or after July 1, 2025,~~ pursuant to the terms of
33 the loan agreement. The moneys paid to the division ~~shall be~~
34 ~~credited to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund created in~~
35 [section 8.57](#) are appropriated to the department of natural

1 resources for purposes of supporting projects increasing the
2 accessibility of persons with disabilities when visiting state
3 parks and recreation areas.

4 DIVISION XI

5 MISCELLANEOUS CODE PROVISIONS

6 Sec. 34. Section 458A.2, subsection 7, Code 2024, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 7. "*Gas*" means and includes all ~~natural gas and all other~~
9 naturally occurring gasses or fluid hydrocarbons which that
10 are produced at the wellhead and not defined in [this section](#)
11 as oil.

12 Sec. 35. Section 458A.4, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
13 2024, is amended to read as follows:

14 e. That the production from wells be separated into ~~gaseous~~
15 ~~and liquid hydrocarbons~~ gasses and liquids, and that each be
16 accurately measured by the means and upon standards prescribed
17 by the department;

18 Sec. 36. Section 458A.4, subsection 6, Code 2024, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 6. To make rules or orders for the classification of wells
21 as oil wells or ~~dry natural~~ gas wells; or wells drilled, or
22 to be drilled, for geological information, or as wells for
23 secondary recovery projects, or wells for the disposal of
24 highly mineralized water, brine, or other oil field wastes, or
25 wells for the storage of dry natural gas, or casinghead gas,
26 or wells for the development of reservoirs for the storage of
27 liquid petroleum gas and for the exploration and production of
28 metallic mineral resources.