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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 693)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 26, 2026)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing a limitation on civil or criminal liability  
2 for any alleged actual or potential effect on climate caused  
3 wholly or partly by a greenhouse gas emission.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **673B.1 Definitions.**

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
3 requires:

4 1. "Agricultural commodity" means a farm animal or farm crop  
5 as each is defined in section 673A.3.

6 2. a. "Agricultural source" means the location where an  
7 agricultural commodity is produced, handled, housed, stored,  
8 preserved, processed, distributed, or sold.

9 b. "Agricultural source" includes the location where an  
10 agricultural retailer or agricultural service provider conducts  
11 an activity.

12 3. "Greenhouse gas" means a gas derived from human activity  
13 or a natural source that is any of the following:

14 a. Originating from any of the following:

15 (1) An agricultural source.

16 (2) A petroleum source.

17 (3) A renewable fuel source.

18 b. Any of the following gases:

19 (1) Carbon dioxide.

20 (2) Hydrofluorocarbons.

21 (3) Methane.

22 (4) Nitrogen trifluoride.

23 (5) Nitrous oxide.

24 (6) Sulfur hexafluoride.

25 (7) Perfluorocarbons.

26 4. "Petroleum source" means a location where petroleum or a  
27 petroleum product is manufactured, stored, or dispensed.

28 5. "Regulatory authority" means the department of natural  
29 resources or a federal agency regulating greenhouse gas  
30 emissions, including the United States environmental protection  
31 agency.

32 6. "Renewable fuel source" means a location where renewable  
33 fuel, as defined in section 214A.1, is manufactured, stored, or  
34 dispensed.

35 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **673B.2 Action based on climate —**

1 **limitation on liability.**

2 1. Subject to section 673B.3, in any civil or criminal  
3 action, a defendant is not liable, and is not subject to any  
4 judicial remedy, under any principle of law or equity, for  
5 damages or injury from any alleged actual or potential effect on  
6 climate caused wholly or partly by a greenhouse gas emission.

7 2. Subsection 1 applies regardless of the civil or criminal  
8 action brought or type of relief sought, whether legal or  
9 equitable.

10 3. A person bringing a civil or criminal action that alleges  
11 damages or injury as described in subsection 1 must do all of the  
12 following:

13 a. Specify each greenhouse gas emitted by the defendant that  
14 as asserted gives rise to the civil or criminal action.

15 b. Show by clear and convincing evidence that unavoidable and  
16 identifiable damage or injury has resulted or will result as  
17 a direct cause of the defendant's violation of an enforceable  
18 statutory limitation or restriction or a valid, enforceable  
19 operating, air, or other permit issued to the defendant by a  
20 regulatory authority.

21 **Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 673B.3 Action based on climate —**  
22 **applicability.**

23 Section 673B.2 applies unless the district court in the civil  
24 or criminal case finds by clear and convincing evidence that the  
25 defendant has violated any of the following:

26 1. An enforceable statutory limitation or restriction  
27 governing the emission of a specific greenhouse gas originating  
28 within this state.

29 2. An express term of a valid, enforceable operating, air,  
30 or other permit issued to the defendant by a regulatory  
31 authority that has jurisdiction over the defendant's greenhouse  
32 gas emissions.

33 **Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 673B.4 Statutory construction.**

34 This chapter shall not be construed to create either a right  
35 to bring any civil or criminal action, or a judicial remedy,

1 under any principle of law or equity, based on the potential  
2 effect on climate caused wholly or partly by a greenhouse gas  
3 emission.

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