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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 593)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 26, 2025)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to declaration of value and groundwater hazard
- 2 statement requirements.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 428A.1, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. When each deed, instrument, or writing by which any real
4 property in this state is granted, assigned, transferred, or
5 otherwise conveyed is presented for recording to the county
6 recorder, a declaration of value signed by at least one of the
7 sellers or one of the buyers or their agents shall be submitted
8 to the county recorder. However, if the deed, instrument, or
9 writing contains multiple parcels some of which are located in
10 more than one county, separate declarations of value shall be
11 submitted on the parcels located in each county and submitted
12 to the county recorder of that county when paying the tax as
13 provided in section 428A.5. A declaration of value is not
14 required for those instruments described in section 428A.2,
15 subsections 2 through 5, 7 through ~~13~~, and ~~16 through 21~~ 22,
16 or described in section 428A.2, subsection 6, except in the
17 case of a federal agency or instrumentality, or if a transfer
18 is the result of acquisition of lands, whether by contract or
19 condemnation, for public purposes through an exercise of the
20 power of eminent domain.

21 Sec. 2. Section 558.69, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1,
22 Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

23 With each declaration of value submitted to the county
24 recorder under chapter 428A, except for deeds described in
25 section 428A.2, subsection 22, and as specified in subsection 8,
26 there shall be submitted a groundwater hazard statement stating
27 all of the following: