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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1230)

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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.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
Section 1. GENERAL FUND.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, 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:

.....	\$ 20,377,294
..... 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
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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.

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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

.....	\$ 305,516
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1 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL
 2 INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel
 3 infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the department
 4 of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
 5 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
 6 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 7 designated:

8 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
 9 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
 10 \$ 500,000

11 Sec. 4. SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND — BUTCHERY
 12 INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.

13 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and job
 14 creation fund created in section 8.57J to the department of
 15 agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
 16 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
 17 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 18 designated:

19 For support of the butchery innovation and revitalization
 20 program established pursuant to 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1148,
 21 section 28, to award financial assistance to eligible businesses
 22 for projects based on criteria described in section 15E.370:
 23 \$ 249,695

24 2. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
 25 moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to pay for the costs of
 26 administering the program described in subsection 1.

27 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
 28 subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
 29 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
 30 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
 31 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027.

32 Sec. 5. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
 33 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
 34 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for
 35 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,

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

3 1. DAIRY REGULATION

4 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
5 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
6 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

7 \$ 189,196

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

13 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

14 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm program
15 pursuant to chapter 267A:

16 \$ 125,000

17 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, \$50,000 is
18 allocated to the department to support a project conducted by
19 Iowa state university of science and technology to study the
20 ability of the choose Iowa food program, created under section
21 187.304, as enacted by this Act, to serve rural grocers.

22 c. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
23 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
24 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
25 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture and
26 home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

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

32 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

1 \$ 150,000

2 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this

3 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close

4 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available

5 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of

6 the succeeding fiscal year.

7 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

8 For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and

9 response fund created in section 163.3B for purposes designated

10 in that section:

11 \$ 1,050,000

12 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

13 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with

14 disabilities:

15 \$ 230,000

16 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be used

17 for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national

18 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in

19 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special

20 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally

21 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated in

22 at least 30 other states, but is not available through any other

23 entity in this state, and that provides assistance to farmers

24 with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the farmers to

25 remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged in farming

26 through provision of agricultural worksite and home modification

27 consultations, peer support services, services to families,

28 information and referral, and equipment loan services.

29 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this

30 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close

31 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available

32 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of

33 the succeeding fiscal year.

34 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

35 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and

1 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.2:

2 \$ 300,000

3 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
4 \$260,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

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

7 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
8 \$40,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
9 account.

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

12 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

15 \$ 100,000

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

18 8. GRAIN REGULATION

19 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203 and
20 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
21 purposes:

22 \$ 350,000

23 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND

24 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section
25 187.201:

26 \$ 1,813,000

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

30 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
31 department may use up to \$813,000 to support the choose Iowa
32 promotional program as provided in chapter 187, subchapter III,
33 part 1.

34 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
35 department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the dairy

1 innovation and revitalization program created in section 187.311.

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

10 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM

11 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food purchasing
12 program to assist eligible participants in purchasing qualified
13 food products pursuant to section 187.331, as enacted by this
14 Act:

15 \$ 200,000

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

21 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **187.331 Choose Iowa food purchasing**
22 **program.**

23 1. There is created within the department a choose Iowa food
24 purchasing program.

25 2. The department shall administer the program according to
26 all of the following:

27 a. A farm or business that owns or operates the farm source
28 shall be given a preference to participate in the program if
29 the farm or business is currently participating in the choose
30 Iowa promotional program as provided in this part 1 of subchapter
31 III. Otherwise, a farm or business may participate in the program
32 if the farm or business has applied to participate in the choose
33 Iowa promotional program and the department determines that the
34 application will be approved.

35 b. An eligible participant is limited to any Iowa food bank

1 or an Iowa emergency feeding organization, recognized by the
2 department.

3 c. A qualified food product is limited to meat and poultry,
4 dairy products, grains, flour, eggs, honey, and produce.

5 3. a. Of the moneys appropriated to support the program in
6 a fiscal year, not more than two hundred thousand dollars shall
7 be used to reimburse Iowa food banks and Iowa emergency feeding
8 organizations.

9 b. An eligible participant shall be reimbursed on a matching
10 basis with the department contributing one dollar for every one
11 dollar expended by the eligible participant.

12 c. An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization
13 shall not receive more than fifty thousand dollars per fiscal
14 year for participating in the program.

15 4. The department may use not more than five percent of the
16 moneys appropriated to support the program in a fiscal year to
17 pay for the costs of administering the program.

18 5. The department shall prepare and submit a report regarding
19 its findings and recommendations to the governor and general
20 assembly not later than January 15 of each year.

21 6. This section is repealed July 1, 2030.

22 Sec. 7. DIRECTIONS TO CODE EDITOR. The Code editor shall
23 designate section 187.331, as enacted in this division of this
24 Act, as a new part within chapter 187, subchapter III, entitled
25 "Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program".

26 DIVISION II

27 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

28 Sec. 8. GENERAL FUND.

29 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
30 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
31 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
32 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
33 purposes designated:

34 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
35 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for

1 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
 2 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
 3 \$ 12,816,738
 4 FTEs 1,145.95

5 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions authorized
 6 to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00 full-time
 7 equivalent positions shall be allocated by the department for
 8 seasonal employees for purposes of providing maintenance, upkeep,
 9 and sanitary services at state parks. This subsection shall not
 10 impact conservation officer, park ranger, or park manager
 11 positions within the department.

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

17 Sec. 9. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND
 18 ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

19 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
 20 protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the
 21 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
 22 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
 23 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 24 designated:

25 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
 26 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
 27 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
 28 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
 29 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and
 30 miscellaneous purposes:
 31 \$ 51,404,790

32 2. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use
 33 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
 34 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
 35 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of

1 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation
2 who retire, pursuant to section 97B.49B.

3 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use
4 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
5 protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
6 ending June 30, 2026, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments
7 for departmental employees for which the general assembly has
8 made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

9 Sec. 10. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
10 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in
11 section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for the
12 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,
13 from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to that
14 section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
15 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

16 For purposes of supporting the department's protection of the
17 state's groundwater, including for administration, regulation,
18 and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
19 and miscellaneous purposes:

20 \$ 3,455,850

21 Sec. 11. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM.

22 There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created
23 under section 321G.7 to the department of natural resources for
24 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,
25 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
26 used for the purposes designated:

27 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
28 snowmobile programs:

29 \$ 100,000

30 Sec. 12. 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 year
33 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
34 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
35 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

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

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

b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the 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 4. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE

29 For structural and infrastructural repairs in state parks:

30 \$ 300,000

DIVISION III

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

33 Sec. 13. SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is
34 appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state
35 university of science and technology for the fiscal year

1 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
 2 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
 3 purposes designated:

4 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

5 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
 6 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
 7 laboratory, and for not more than the following full-time
 8 equivalent positions:

9	\$	4,799,898
10	FTEs	51.00

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

15 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to a reduction made to
 16 support the college of veterinary medicine if the same percentage
 17 of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is
 18 also imposed on all of Iowa state university of science and
 19 technology's budget units.

20 c. If by June 30, 2026, Iowa state university of science and
 21 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this
 22 subsection to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance
 23 with this subsection, the moneys appropriated in this subsection
 24 for that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the
 25 state.

26 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

27 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension
 28 service in agriculture and home economics in providing technical
 29 support to landowners and loggers regarding the management of
 30 private forests in northeast Iowa, and for not more than the
 31 following full-time equivalent positions:

32	\$	150,000
33	FTEs	1.00

34 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
 35 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home

1 economics in administering this subsection.

2 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

3 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
4 in section 267.8:

5 \$ 291,390

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

9 Sec. 14. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH FUND — VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC
10 LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there is
11 appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created in
12 section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and
13 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
14 June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
15 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

16 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine
17 for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory:
18 \$ 120,000

19 DIVISION IV

20 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

21 Sec. 15. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
22 (I-CASH).

23 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
24 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
25 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
26 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
27 designated:

28 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
29 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
30 college of public health, and in cooperation with the department
31 of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate, recognize,
32 and prevent occupational illness and injury among members of the
33 agricultural community:

34 \$ 128,154

35 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection

1 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the director of
2 Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health employed on the
3 effective date of this division of this Act for at least the same
4 number of hours for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as
5 worked by the director during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
6 2024.

7 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection 1,
8 the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
9 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
10 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
11 subsection 1.

12 3. If by June 30, 2026, the state university of Iowa fails to
13 use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance with
14 the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
15 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection 1
16 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
17 2026, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
18 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section 8.33,
19 the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the general fund
20 of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or unobligated
21 moneys from any other general fund appropriation or from any
22 moneys available from other funding sources an amount equal to
23 the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any amount that
24 reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant to section
25 8.33.

26 Sec. 16. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY — GROUNDWATER PLANNING AND
27 RESOURCE ASSESSMENT PROJECT.

28 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
29 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
30 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or
31 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
32 designated:

33 For purposes of supporting a groundwater planning and resource
34 assessment project to be administered by the Iowa geological
35 survey of the state as created pursuant to section 456.1:

1 \$ 200,000

2 2. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used by
3 the Iowa geological survey to map and assess the condition of
4 this state's aquifers. The Iowa geological survey may measure
5 the volume of groundwater that is available for various uses, the
6 current and predicted allocations of groundwater to support those
7 uses, the recharge rate for the aquifers, and the development of
8 models for budgeting this state's water resources.

9 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
10 subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
11 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
12 for expenditure for the purposes designated in subsection 1.

13 DIVISION V

14 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

15 Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

16 There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in
17 section 8.57A to the department of agriculture and land
18 stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
19 ending June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so much thereof
20 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

21 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

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

26 \$ 1,000,000

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

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

1 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

2 a. For continuation of a program that provides multiobjective
3 resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion
4 control, and natural resource conservation:

5 \$ 900,000

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

9 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

10 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
11 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and to
12 work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve
13 water quality and habitat:

14 \$ 900,000

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

18 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

19 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
20 conservation:

21 \$ 8,325,000

22 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
23 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
24 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2:

25 \$ 140,000

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

28 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
29 use by the department in providing for soil and water
30 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and water
31 resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
32 districts:

33 \$ 8,185,000

34 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
35 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,

1 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the purpose
 2 of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73 to
 3 establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on
 4 land that is row-cropped, including but not limited to nontill
 5 planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring strip-cropping. Of
 6 any remaining amount of that appropriation allocated by the
 7 department to a district, 30 percent may be expended by the
 8 district for that same purpose.

9 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
 10 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address
 11 complaints filed under section 161A.47.

12 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
 13 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
 14 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of the
 15 state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
 16 161A.73.

17 g. The division of soil conservation and water quality
 18 created within the department pursuant to section 159.5 may
 19 allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph "c" to conduct research
 20 and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and
 21 nonpoint source pollution control practices.

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

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

28 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

31 \$ 3,800,000

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

34 Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
 35 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section

1 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
 2 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
 3 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
 4 purposes designated:

5 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

6 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
 7 staff time associated with these activities:

8 \$ 6,235,000

9 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

10 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
 11 information system data for their use in developing, monitoring,
 12 and displaying results of their watershed work:

13 \$ 195,000

14 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

15 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
 16 quality monitoring stations:

17 \$ 2,955,000

18 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

19 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
 20 water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:

21 \$ 500,000

22 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

23 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as
 24 provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:

25 \$ 1,320,000

26 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

27 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

28 \$ 375,000

29 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

30 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient air
 31 pollution in this state, including measures as necessary to
 32 assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
 33 standards from particulate matter:

34 \$ 425,000

35 Sec. 19. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

1 There is appropriated from the environment first fund created
 2 in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal
 3 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
 4 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
 5 for the purposes designated:

6 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS

7 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
 8 geological survey of the state as created within the state
 9 university of Iowa pursuant to section 456.1, including but not
 10 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection, and
 11 compilation; investigative programs; and information for water
 12 supply development and protection:
 13 \$ 200,000

14 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

15 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
 16 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
 17 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
 18 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
 19 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B and
 20 456.14:
 21 \$ 495,000

22 Sec. 20. REVERSION.

23 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
 24 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal
 25 year beginning July 1, 2025, in this division of this Act that
 26 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal
 27 year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
 28 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding
 29 fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was
 30 made is completed, whichever is earlier.

31 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the
 32 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in this division of this
 33 Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to
 34 provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent
 35 soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered

1 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
2 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
3 designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1,
4 2028.

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

9 DIVISION VI

10 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

11 Sec. 21. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
12 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

13 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
14 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture and
15 land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
16 ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as
17 is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

18 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
19 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
20 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and
21 water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including salaries,
22 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

23 \$ 2,375,000

24 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used
25 to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the
26 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified by
27 the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to
28 section 466B.3.

29 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to
30 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional
31 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority
32 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council
33 established pursuant to section 466B.3.

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

1 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
2 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy as
3 defined in section 455B.171.

4 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
5 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
6 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
7 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
8 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal
9 interest in agricultural land located within the same
10 subwatershed.

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

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

22 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
23 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period after
24 accumulating information from such evaluations, the division
25 shall create an aggregated database of water quality practices.
26 Any information identifying a person holding a legal interest in
27 agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a
28 confidential record under section 22.7.

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

35 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to

1 contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts
2 provided in this section.

3 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the
4 department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts,
5 which may include but are not limited to management practices
6 related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or
7 pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys
8 shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in chapter
9 161A.

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

15 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
16 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
17 and implementing the water quality initiative by the department's
18 division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in
19 section 466B.42 and this section.

20 DIVISION VII

21 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

22 Sec. 22. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
23 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is
24 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
25 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund for
26 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,
27 the following amount, to be allocated as provided in section
28 455A.19:

29 \$ 12,000,000

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

32 Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
33 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
34 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund, up
35 to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural resources

1 for state park maintenance, development, operations, and facility
2 refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
3 ending on June 30, 2026.

4 Sec. 24. Section 455A.18, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
5 2025, is amended to read as follows:

6 a. For each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning July
7 1, 1997, and ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2028, there is appropriated
8 from the general fund, to the Iowa resources enhancement and
9 protection fund, the amount of twenty million dollars, to be used
10 as provided in this chapter. However, in any fiscal year of the
11 fiscal period, if moneys from the lottery are appropriated by the
12 state to the fund, the amount appropriated under this subsection
13 shall be reduced by the amount appropriated from the lottery.

14 DIVISION VIII

15 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

16 Sec. 25. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — SPECIAL
17 APPROPRIATIONS.

18 1. a. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease
19 prevention fund created in section 165.18, as amended by this
20 Act, to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for
21 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,
22 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
23 used for the purposes designated:

24 (1) For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment to
25 further the implementation of the foreign animal disease
26 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
27 163.3C:

28 \$ 250,000

29 (2) For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines
30 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that
31 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:

32 \$ 100,000

33 (3) For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
34 and response fund created in section 163.3B for purposes
35 designated in that section:

1 \$ 100,000

2 (4) For purposes of upgrading information technology
3 resources used by the department:

4 \$ 450,000

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

10 2. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease
11 prevention fund created in section 165.18, as amended by this
12 Act, to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
13 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
14 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
15 for the purposes designated:

16 a. To assist the college of veterinary medicine veterinary
17 diagnostic laboratory in installing and moving equipment into its
18 refurbished facility:

19 \$ 250,000

20 b. (1) For deposit in the livestock disease research fund
21 created in section 267.8:

22 \$ 100,000

23 (2) Moneys appropriated under this paragraph shall be used by
24 Iowa state university of science and technology to support animal
25 disease research in areas of importance to livestock producers.

26 Sec. 26. Section 159.5, subsection 11, paragraph a,
27 subparagraph (5), Code 2025, is amended by striking the
28 subparagraph.

29 Sec. 27. Section 163.3B, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department and
32 ~~shall be used exclusively to develop, establish, and implement~~
33 for the following purposes:

34 a. Developing, establishing, and implementing a foreign
35 animal disease preparedness and response strategy as described

1 in section 163.3C, ~~and shall not require further special~~
2 ~~authorization by the general assembly.~~

3 b. Supporting activities related to animal health and disease
4 response that strengthen the state's overall ability to prevent,
5 prepare for, and respond to emerging or reemerging animal
6 diseases, including but not limited to salaries, support,
7 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes.

8 Sec. 28. Section 163.10, Code 2025, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **163.10 Quarantining or destroying animals.**

11 The department may quarantine or destroy any animal exposed
12 to or afflicted with an infectious or contagious disease.

13 ~~However, cattle exposed to or infected with tuberculosis shall~~
14 ~~not be destroyed without the owner's consent, unless there~~
15 ~~are sufficient moneys to reimburse the owner for the cattle,~~
16 ~~which may be paid as an expense authorized as provided in~~
17 ~~section 163.15, from moneys in the brucellosis and tuberculosis~~
18 ~~eradication fund created in section 165.18, or from moneys made~~
19 ~~available by the United States department of agriculture.~~

20 Sec. 29. Section 163.15, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 1. If the secretary of agriculture determines that the
23 outbreak of the infectious or contagious disease tuberculosis
24 among an animal population constitutes a threat to the general
25 welfare or the public health of the inhabitants of this state,
26 the secretary shall formulate a program of eradication which
27 shall include the condemnation and destroying of the animals
28 exposed to or afflicted with the disease tuberculosis. The
29 ~~program of eradication shall provide for the indemnification of~~
30 ~~owners of the livestock under this section, if there are no other~~
31 ~~sources of indemnification.~~ The program shall not be effective
32 until the program has been approved by the executive council.

33 Sec. 30. Section 163.15, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
34 by striking the subsection.

35 Sec. 31. Section 163A.12, Code 2025, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **163A.12 Owner requesting test.**

3 If the owner requests the department to inspect and test
4 breeding swine for brucellosis, and agrees to comply with the
5 rules made by the department under section 163A.9, the department
6 may designate a veterinarian to make an inspection and test, with
7 the expense to be paid as provided in section 164.6 for cattle
8 brucellosis testing, ~~but only to the extent the funds provided in~~
9 ~~that section are not required for the cattle testing program.~~

10 Sec. 32. Section 164.6, Code 2025, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **164.6 Expense of test.**

13 The expense for an inspection and official test of a
14 designated animal other than for bovine animals shall be borne by
15 the owner. If the designated animal is a bovine animal, and the
16 owner agrees to comply with and carry out the provisions of this
17 chapter and the rules adopted by the department under section
18 164.4, the expense of the inspection and test ~~shall~~ may be
19 borne by the United States department of agriculture, ~~or by the~~
20 ~~department, or by the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication~~
21 ~~fund or any combination of these sources.~~

22 Sec. 33. Section 164.21, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 2. The owner shall may be indemnified ~~to the extent~~
25 ~~that money is available in the brucellosis and tuberculosis~~
26 ~~eradication fund as created in section 165.18 and indemnification~~
27 ~~is also made by the United States department of agriculture.~~
28 ~~However, if the United States department of agriculture is unable~~
29 ~~to indemnify the owner, the department may indemnify the owner,~~
30 ~~if money is available.~~

31 Sec. 34. Section 164.21, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended
32 by striking the subsection.

33 Sec. 35. Section 165.2, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 1. The state of Iowa is declared to be and is established

1 as an accredited area for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis
2 from the dairy and breeding cattle of the state. It shall be the
3 duty of the department to eradicate bovine tuberculosis in all
4 of the counties of the state in the manner provided by law as it
5 appears in this chapter. The department shall proceed with the
6 examination, including the tuberculin test, of all such cattle as
7 rapidly as practicable and as is consistent with efficient work,
8 ~~and as funds are available for paying the indemnities as provided~~
9 ~~by law.~~

10 Sec. 36. Section 165.10, Code 2025, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **165.10 Examination by department.**

13 The department may at any time, on its own motion, make an
14 examination of any herd, ~~and in case animals are destroyed,~~
15 ~~the appraisement and payment shall be made as provided in this~~
16 ~~chapter.~~

17 Sec. 37. Section 165.18, Code 2025, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **165.18 ~~Brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication~~ Iowa animal**
20 **disease prevention fund.**

21 ~~1. A brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication fund is created~~
22 ~~in the office of the secretary of agriculture, to be used~~
23 ~~together with state and federal funds available to pay:~~

24 ~~a. The indemnity and other expenses provided in this chapter.~~

25 ~~b. The indemnity as set out in section 164.21 and other~~
26 ~~expenses provided in chapter 164.~~

27 ~~c. The expenses of the inspection and testing program~~
28 ~~provided in chapter 163A, but only to the extent that the moneys~~
29 ~~in the fund are not required for expenses incurred under chapter~~
30 ~~164 or this chapter.~~

31 ~~d. Indemnities as provided in section 159.5, subsection 11,~~
32 ~~but only to the extent that the moneys in the fund are not~~
33 ~~required to pay expenses under chapter 163A, chapter 164, or this~~
34 ~~chapter.~~

35 ~~2. If it appears to the secretary of agriculture that the~~

~~1 balance in the fund on January 20 is insufficient to carry on the
2 work in the state for the following fiscal year, the secretary
3 shall notify the board of supervisors of each county to levy an
4 amount sufficient to pay the expenses estimated to be incurred
5 under subsection 1 for the following fiscal year, subject to a
6 maximum levy of thirty-three and three-fourths cents per thousand
7 dollars of assessed value of all taxable property in the county.~~

~~8 3. Not later than December 15 or June 15 of a year in which
9 the tax is collected, the county treasurer shall transmit the
10 amount of the tax levied and collected to the treasurer of
11 state, who shall credit it to the brucellosis and tuberculosis
12 eradication fund.~~

13 1. An Iowa animal disease prevention fund is created in
14 the state treasury under the control and management of the
15 department.

16 2. The fund shall include moneys appropriated by the general
17 assembly credited to the fund. The fund may include other
18 moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the department
19 as provided in section 159.6A, including but not limited to the
20 federal government, other public sources, or private sources.

21 3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department to
22 develop, establish, and implement an animal disease prevention
23 strategy.

24 4. a. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on
25 moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

26 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that
27 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the end of a fiscal year
28 shall not revert.

29 Sec. 38. Section 165.26, Code 2025, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **165.26 Permitting test.**

32 Every owner of dairy or breeding cattle in the state shall
33 permit the owner's cattle to be tested for tuberculosis as
34 provided in this chapter, and shall confine the cattle in a
35 proper place so that the examination and test can be applied.

1 If the owner refuses to so confine the cattle the department
2 may employ sufficient help to properly confine them and the
3 expense of such help shall be paid by the owner ~~or deducted~~
4 ~~from the indemnity if any is paid.~~ Such owner shall comply with
5 all the requirements for the establishment and maintenance of a
6 tuberculosis-free accredited herd.

7 Sec. 39. Section 331.512, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
8 2025, is amended by striking the paragraph.

9 Sec. 40. Section 331.559, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
10 by striking the subsection.

11 Sec. 41. REPEAL. Sections 163.16, 165.6, and 165.8, Code
12 2025, are repealed.

13 Sec. 42. TRANSFER OF MONEYS. There is transferred from the
14 brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication fund created pursuant to
15 section 165.18, Code 2025, to the Iowa animal disease prevention
16 fund created pursuant to section 165.18, as amended by this Act,
17 all unencumbered or unobligated moneys remaining on the effective
18 date of this division of this Act.

19 DIVISION IX

20 PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF REAL PROPERTY — EXPENDITURES FOR STATE
21 PARKS

22 Sec. 43. Section 461A.32, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 1. The commission may sell or exchange such parts of public
25 lands or structures under the jurisdiction of the commission as
26 in its judgment may be undesirable for conservation purposes,
27 excepting state-owned meandered lands already surveyed and
28 platted at state expense as a conservation plan and project
29 tentatively adopted and now in the process of rehabilitation
30 and development authorized by a special legislative Act. The
31 sale or exchange shall be made upon the terms, conditions,
32 or considerations as the commission may approve, whereupon the
33 secretary of state shall issue a patent therefor in the manner
34 provided by law in other cases. Moneys generated from any
35 such sale from a state park shall be deposited in the state

1 conservation fund created in section 456A.17 and are appropriated
2 to the department to be used exclusively for structure or
3 infrastructure costs at the specific state park from which the
4 moneys were generated. The proceeds of any other such sale or
5 exchange shall become a part of the ~~funds~~ moneys to be expended
6 under the provisions of this chapter.

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