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FUNDING SUMMARY

General Fund FY 2025: Appropriates a total of \$44.6 million from the General Fund and 1,617.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$1.0 million and an increase of 203.0 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2024.

The General Fund changes include:

- An increase of \$472,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALS) Administrative Division.
- An increase of \$557,000 to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Operations.

Other Funds FY 2025: Appropriates a total of \$96.4 million from other funds. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024. This Bill appropriates \$49.8 million from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, \$42.0 million from the Environment First Fund (EFF), \$3.5 million from the Groundwater Protection Fund (GWPF), and \$1.2 million from various other funds.

Iowa Code section <u>8.57A</u> contains a standing appropriation of \$42.0 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the EFF, and this Bill appropriates the following amounts to the following departments for FY 2024:

- \$17.3 million to the DALS.
- \$24.0 million to the DNR.
- \$695,000 to the University of Iowa (UI).

This Bill appropriates \$12.0 million from the EFF to the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund in lieu of the \$20.0 million General Fund standing appropriation in Iowa Code chapter <u>455A</u> and allocates \$1.0 million from the Open Spaces Account of the REAP to be used for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment for FY 2025. This Bill also appropriates \$375,000 for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program in addition to a \$1.5 million appropriation from the General Fund.

MAJOR INCREASES/DECREASES/TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

General Fund — DALS Administrative Division: Appropriates a total of \$19.7 million and 420.0 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$472,000 and 81.8 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2024.

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General Fund — **DNR Operations:** Appropriates a total of \$12.5 million and 1,146.0 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$557,000 and 120.3 FTE positions compared to

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estimated FY 2024.

FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Appropriates \$1.7 million from the General Fund to the Choose Iowa Fund. From the Fund, \$475,000 must be used for the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program and up to \$750,000 may be used for the Dairy Innovation and Revitalization Program.

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This appropriation is contingent on the enactment of 2024 Iowa Acts, <u>SF 2410</u> (Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities Bill), or successor legislation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Part A of Division VIII of the Bill takes effect July 1, 2024, if 2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2410, or successor legislation is not enacted.

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Part B of Division VIII of the Bill takes effect July 1, 2024, if 2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2410, or successor legislation is enacted.

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1 1 1	1 2 3	DIVISION I DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	
1 1 1 1	7 8 9 10 11 12	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: \$19,682,310\$ FTES 420.00	General Fund appropriation to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALS) for operations. DETAIL: This is an increase of \$472,116 and 81.75 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions compared to estimated FY 2024 for Department operations.
1 1 1	18	Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following amount is transferred to lowa state university of science and technology, to be used for the university's midwest grape and wine industry institute: 325,000	Transfers \$325,000 of the General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute at Iowa State University (ISU). DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
1 1	23	3. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the department shall use \$250,000 for purposes of administering and supporting additional meat and poultry inspectors and fuel inspectors.	Specifies that \$250,000 of the DALS Administration Division appropriation must be used to support additional meat and poultry inspectors and fuel inspectors.
1 1 1	27 28	4. 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.	Requires the DALS to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the Department of Management (DOM) detailing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for DALS administration, regulation, and programs.
1	30	DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS	
1 1		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,	Appropriation to the DALS from unclaimed pari-mutuel winnings for enforcement of horse and dog racing laws.

 1 35 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so 2 1 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes 2 2 designated: 2 3 For purposes of supporting the department's administration 2 4 and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section 2 5 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and 2 6 miscellaneous purposes: 2 7	DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 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 the inspection of motor fuel, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes: SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO DEPARTMENT. 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 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:	Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund (RFIF) appropriation to the DALS for motor fuel inspections. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
2 25 1. DAIRY REGULATION 2 26 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section 2 27 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and 2 28 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture: 2 29	General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Dairy Survey Program. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The DALS is responsible for annually certifying all milk labeled Grade "A" pasteurized and Grade "A" raw milk for pasteurization. When the survey results show that requirements for production, processing, and distribution are not met, the DALS initiates procedures to suspend the permit of the violator.
2 30 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in 2 31 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the 2 32 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain	Allows unexpended funds from the Dairy Survey Program to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

2 33 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the

2 34 close of the succeeding fiscal year. 2 35 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM 3 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm 2 program pursuant to chapter 267A: 3 3\$ 75.000 4 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement 5 with lowa state university of science and technology to support 6 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of 7 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture 8 and home economics pursuant to chapter 267A. c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in 3 10 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the 3 11 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain 3 12 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the 3 13 close of the succeeding fiscal year. 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION 3 14 a. For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association 3 16 affiliated with a national organization that promotes 3 17 agricultural education providing for future farmers: 3 18\$ 75.000 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in 3 20 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the 3 21 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain 3 22 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the 3 23 close of the succeeding fiscal year. 3 24 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness 3 25

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Local Food and Farm Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Program requires the DALS to work in cooperation with ISU Extension and Outreach. The Program facilitates communication between farmers, food entrepreneurs, and consumers while encouraging coordination among various government agencies, universities, organizations, and businesses. In addition, the Program funds special projects in local food markets.

Requires the DALS to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with ISU to support the Local Food and Farm Program Coordinator position.

Allows unexpended funds from the Local Food and Farm Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Association.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The FFA Association is a student organization for students interested in agriculture, education, and leadership. The organization works with individual students and guides them to achieve personal growth through agricultural education.

Allows unexpended funds from the Iowa FFA Association appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Foreign Animal Disease Program.

	26 27	and response fund created in section 163.3B:\$ 1,000,000
3 3 3	28 29 30 31 32	preparedness and response strategy developed under section
3		c. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases by a company based in lowa the develops livestock and other animal vaccines: \$ 250,000
4 4 4 4	2 3 4 5	5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with disabilities: \$ 230,000

- 4 6 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
- 4 7 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
- 4 8 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
- 4 9 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
- 4 10 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
- 4 11 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
- 4 12 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
- 4 13 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
- 4 14 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy works to develop practical, cost-effective plans to control and/or eradicate foreign animal diseases.

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for foreign animal disease equipment.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation is used to purchase and maintain equipment used in the Foreign Animal Disease Program.

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the development of livestock vaccines.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation is used to assist in the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases.

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Farmers With Disabilities Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The moneys will be used by the Easter Seals Society of Iowa for the Rural Solutions Program. The funding provides assistance to farm family members and rural residents with disabilities. The Easter Seals Society of Iowa offers agricultural work site and home modification consultations, peer support, and services for each family. The Rural Solutions Program began in 1986 and provides assistance to farm family members and rural residents with disabilities.

Specifies requirements for receiving moneys through the Farmers With Disabilities Program.

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4 15 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged 4 16 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home

5 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

a. For deposit in the southern lowa development and

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7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

4 17 modification consultations, peer support services, services 4 18 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan 4 19 services. c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in Allows unexpended funds from the Farmers With Disabilities Program 4 21 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026. 4 22 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain 4 23 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the 4 24 close of the succeeding fiscal year. General Fund appropriation to the Loess Hills Development and 4 25 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND a. For deposit in the loess hills development and Conservation Fund. 4 27 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.2: DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated\$ 400.000 FY 2024. The funds are used by the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Authority to protect natural resources in the deep loess soil region of western lowa. b. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills Allocates \$360,000 from the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund appropriation to the Hungry Canyons Account. 4 30 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$360,000 4 31 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to FY 2024. (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% of the funds allocated to the 4 33 fund's hungry canyons account as provided in this paragraph may Hungry Canyons Account for administration. 4 34 be used for administrative costs. Allocates \$40,000 from the Loess Hills Development and Conservation c. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills 1 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$40,000 Fund to the Loess Hills Alliance Account. 2 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance account. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% of the funds allocated to the (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to 4 the fund's loess hills alliance account as provided in this Loess Hills Alliance Account for administration.

General Fund appropriation to the Southern Iowa Development and

Conservation Fund.

5 5	8 9	conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.12:\$ 150,000
		b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated to the fund as provided in this subsection may be used for administrative costs.
5 5 5 5		8. GRAIN REGULATION For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
5	17	\$ 350,000
5 5	18 19	DIVISION II DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Sec. 5. GENERAL FUND —— DEPARTMENT. 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources 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: \$ 12,479,695
5 5 5 5 6 6	31 32 33 34 35 1 2	2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks. This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority (SIDCA) was established in 1999 in response to soil erosion, water resource degradation, and stream channel destabilization linked to disturbance of the fragile glacial till soils of southern Iowa.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% of the funds appropriated to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund for administration.

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the administration and enforcement of grain dealer regulation and agricultural product warehouses.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The program was first funded in FY 2021 with the enactment of HF 2643 (FY 2021 Omnibus Appropriations Act).

General Fund appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for operations.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$557,402 and 120.25 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2024.

Requires the DNR to allocate 50.00 FTE positions to State park operations for seasonal maintenance and upkeep. This does not affect the number of Conservation Officer, Park Ranger, or Park Manager FTE positions.

6 3	ranger, or park manager positions within the department.	
6 4 6 5 6 6 6 7 6 8 6 9	expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and	Requires the DNR to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the DOM detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for DNR administration, regulation, and programs.
6 10 6 11	Sec. 6. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND —— REGULATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.	State Fish and Game Protection Fund appropriation to the law enforcement, fisheries, and wildlife programs of the DNR.
6 17 6 18 6 19 6 20 6 21 6 22	department of natural resources 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 regulation or advancement of hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation, restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,	DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
6 27 6 28	insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation	Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the Fish and Game Protection Fund to provide funding of insurance premiums from unused sick leave balances of retiring conservation peace officers.
6 33 6 34 6 35 7 1	3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.	Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the Fish and Game Protection Fund for salary adjustment costs for FY 2025.
7 3 7 4	Sec. 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND —— WATER QUALITY. There is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created	Groundwater Protection Fund appropriation to the DNR for programs specified in Iowa Code section $\underline{\text{455E.11}}$.

7	5	in section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for
7	6	the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
7	7	2025, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to
7	8	that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
7	9	necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
7	10	For purposes of supporting the department's protection
7	11	of the state's groundwater, including for administration,
7	12	regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
7	13	maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:
7	14	\$ 3,455,850

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The allocations include:

- \$100,303 for the Storage Tanks Program. The funds are used for the administration of the State Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program.
- \$447,324 for the Household Hazardous Waste Program. The funds are allocated to regional collection centers and for administration of the Program.
- \$62,461 for administration of the Private Well Testing Program.
 The funds are used by the DNR for administering the closure of private wells.
- \$1,686,751 for groundwater monitoring. The funds are used for monitoring groundwater at sanitary disposal projects.
- \$618,993 for the Landfill Alternatives Program. The Program is now called the Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP), and the funds are used to provide financial assistance to local governments; public and private groups, businesses, and individuals for education; market development projects; and utilization of best practices to reduce landfill waste.
- \$192,500 for the Waste Reduction and Assistance Program.
 The Program is now called the Pollution Prevention Services Program and provides confidential and nonregulatory assistance to facility operators.
- \$50,000 to administer the SWAP.
- \$297,518 for the Geographic Information System (GIS)
 Program. The funds are used to maintain the GIS and a comprehensive water resource data system that can be used by the public.

7 15 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

- 7 16 Sec. 8. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND —— SNOWMOBILE
- 7 17 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
- 7 18 fund created under section 321G.7 to the department of natural
- 7 To Tana dicated and of Section 62 To. 10 the department of natural
- 7 19 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
- 7 20 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
- 7 21 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
- 7 22 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
- 7 23 snowmobile programs:
- 7 24\$ 100,000

Special Snowmobile Fund appropriation to the DNR for snowmobile safety education and trail maintenance and to provide cost-share grants to local snowmobile organizations.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

7	25	Sec. 9. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND —— UNDERGROUND STORAGE
7	26	TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the
7	27	unassigned revenue fund administered by the lowa comprehensive
7	28	petroleum underground storage tank fund board established
7	29	pursuant to section 455G.4 to the department of natural
7	30	resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
7	31	ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
7	32	as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
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7	34	department's underground storage tanks section:
7	35	\$ 200,000
8	1	SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS
8	2	Sec. 10. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
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8		state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
8	5	year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
8		following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
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O	,	used for the purposes designated.
8	8	1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY
8	9	a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
8	10	safety:
8	11	\$ 1,510,000
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Underground Storage Tank Fund appropriation to the DNR.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The funds are used for administration of the UST Program.

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Section 16 of this Bill appropriates an additional \$375,000 from the Environment First Fund (EFF) for the Program. The Program's goal is the protection of life and property from damage by flood. The Program does the following:

- Supports a network of stream gauges.
- Provides funding for the Dam Safety Program, which maintains information on more than 3,800 dams.
- Funds floodplain mapping projects.
- Provides technical assistance for community enrollment for flood insurance.
- Regulates the construction of floodplains and floodways.

Allocates up to \$400,000 for the purchase and installation of stream gauges to assist with predicting flood events.

- 8 12 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
- 8 13 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
- 8 14 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
- 8 15 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
- 8 16 frequency analysis.

9 12 equivalent positions:

 8 17 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in 8 18 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the 8 19 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain 8 20 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the 8 21 close of the succeeding fiscal year. 	Allows the unexpended funds from the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.
8 22 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT 8 23 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management 8 24 programs: 8 25	General Fund appropriation to the DNR for forestry health management programs, which are dedicated to monitoring, managing, and reducing insects and diseases that damage and harm lowa's forests.
	DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
 8 26 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in 8 27 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the 8 28 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain 8 29 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the 8 30 close of the succeeding fiscal year. 	Allows unexpended funds from the Forestry Health Management appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.
 8 31 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS 8 32 For supporting operations at state parks, including 8 33 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities: 8 34	General Fund appropriation to the DNR to support operations at State parks, including maintenance and repair of facilities. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
8 35 DIVISION III 9 1 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 9 2 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	
9 3 Sec. 11. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. 9 4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state 9 5 to lowa state university of science and technology for the 9 6 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, 9 7 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be 9 8 used for the purposes designated: 9 9 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary 9 10 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic 9 11 laboratory and for not more than the following full-time 9 12 equivalent positions:	General Fund appropriation to ISU for operations at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding and is an increase of 1.00 FTE position compared to estimated FY 2024.

9 13 9 14 9 15 9 16 9 17 9 18	2. a. lowa state university of science and technology shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the	Prohibits ISU from reducing funding from other sources to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory as a result of this appropriation.
9 21 9 22	b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a reduction made to support the college of veterinary medicine if the same percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is also imposed on all of lowa state university of science and technology's budget units.	Allows ISU to reduce funding to the College of Veterinary Medicine if the same percentage of reduction is applied to other ISU budget units.
9 26	3. If by June 30, 2025, Iowa state university of science and technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.	Requires the appropriation for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to revert to the State General Fund at the end of FY 2025 if the moneys are not allocated to the College of Veterinary Medicine.
9 33 9 34 9 35	to lowa state university of science and technology 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 deposit in the livestock disease research fund created in section 267.8:	General Fund appropriation to the Livestock Disease Research Fund. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
10 5	2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used by lowa state university of science and technology to support animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock producers.	Requires the funds to be used by ISU to support animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock producers.
10 7	DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS	
10 11		Appropriates \$120,000 from the Iowa Nutrient Research Fund to the College of Veterinary Medicine at ISU. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation is used to provide additional support to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

10 14 10 15 10 16	medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory:	
10 19 10 20 10 21	STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	
10 26 10 27 10 28 10 29 10 30 10 31 10 32 10 33	(I-CASH). 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state university of lowa 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 supporting the operations of lowa's center for agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's college of public health, and in cooperation with the department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate, recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among members of the agricultural community:	General Fund appropriation to lowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) at the University of Iowa, as part of the College of Public Health. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
11 3 11 4 11 5 11 6	2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection 1, the state university of lowa shall retain the director of lowa's center for agricultural safety and health employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as worked by the director during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.	Requires the UI to retain the I-CASH Director and to pay for the same number of hours during FY 2025 as in FY 2024.
11 10 11 11	b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection 1, the state university of lowa shall not reduce the amount allocated to support lowa's center for agricultural safety and health from any other source due to the appropriation made in subsection 1.	Specifies that the UI cannot reduce other funding that supports the I-CASH due to this appropriation.
11 13	3. If by June 30, 2025, the state university of lowa fails	Specifies that any unencumbered or unobligated funds appropriated in

11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section 8.33, the state university of lowa shall transfer to the general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant to section 8.33.
11 11 11	27 28 29	DIVISION V ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS
11 11 11 11 11 11 12	33 34 35	Sec. 15. 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:
12 12 12 12 12 12	2 3 4 5 6 7	tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water

FY 2025 to the I-CASH will revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 2025. If moneys are reverted, the UI is required to transfer to the General Fund from other unencumbered General Fund appropriations or other funds the difference between the amount reverted and the amount appropriated.

lowa Code section <u>8.57A</u> contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the Rebuild lowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill appropriates a total of \$17,300,000 to the DALS from the EFF for FY 2025.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The CREP is a federally administered voluntary program for agricultural landowners that provides financial incentives to establish wetlands for water quality improvement in tile-drained regions of lowa. The Program includes 37 counties in north central lowa in an area that has been identified as a contributor to high nitrate loads in the Mississippi River Basin. The Program is administered by the federal Farm Services Agency (FSA) in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% of the cost-share funds for

12 9 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and 12 10 implementation of soil and water conservation practices. c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the 12 11 12 12 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection, 12 13 in combination with other appropriate environment first 12 14 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States 12 15 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation 12 16 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding 12 17 available to lowa. 12 18 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION 12 19 a. For continuation of a program that provides 12 20 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation: 12 22\$ 900.000 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated 12 24 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and 12 25 implementation of soil and water conservation practices. 12 26 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) 12 27 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the 12 28 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and 12 29 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to 12 30 improve water quality and habitat:\$ 12 31 900,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated

12 33 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and

administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Permits funds to be used in combination with other EFF appropriations or as cost-share funds for federal projects.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Watershed Protection Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The purpose of the Program is to provide financial assistance for projects that establish permanent soil and water conservation practices. Project practices are integrated into a larger watershed plan and meet multiple objectives. This appropriation offers watershed grants to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for locally led watershed projects.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The CRP is a voluntary program administered by the federal government for agricultural landowners. The CRP provides landowners with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for removing agricultural land from production and establishing conservation practices. The CRP is administered by the federal FSA in the USDA and is a major federal conservation program. Land enrolled in the CRP increases wildlife habitat, reduces soil erosion, and improves water quality.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil

12 34 implementation of soil and water conservation practices. 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION 12 35 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water 2 conservation: 3\$ 8,325,000 13 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for 5 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills 6 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2:\$ 13 140.000 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred to 9 the fund's hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph 13 10 (1) may be used for administrative costs. c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a", 13 12 for use by the department in providing for soil and water 13 13 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and 13 14 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation 13 15 districts:\$ 8.185.000 13 16 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the 13 18 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district, 13 19 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the 13 20 purpose of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73 13 21 to establish management practices for the control of soil 13 22 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited 13 23 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring 13 24 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation 13 25 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be 13 26 expended by the district for that same purpose. e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in 13 28 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address

and water conservation practices.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Soil and Water Conservation Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

Transfers \$140,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation appropriation to the Hungry Canyons Account of the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% of the funds for administration costs.

Allocates \$8,185,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation appropriation to the Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program funding provides financial incentives to landowners who implement approved soil and water conservation practices. State funds are divided among the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The landowner pays for at least 50.00% of the cost of the conservation practice.

Permits each Soil and Water Conservation District to use up to \$15,000 of the allocation to establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on row-cropped land. Also permits up to 30.00% of remaining funds to be expended for the same purpose.

Permits the DALS to use up to 5.00% of the cost-share funds to address complaints filed for land erosion caused by sediment.

- 13 29 complaints filed under section 161A.47.
- 13 30 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
- 13 31 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
- 13 32 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
- 13 33 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
- 13 34 161A.73.
- 13 35 g. The state soil conservation and water quality committee
- 14 1 established by section 161A.4 may allocate moneys appropriated
- 14 2 in paragraph "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects
- 14 3 to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution
- 14 4 control practices.
- 14 5 h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as
- 14 6 provided in section 161A.73 may be used in combination with
- 14 7 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.
- 14 8 i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated
- 14 9 in paragraph "c" may be used for costs of administration and
- 14 10 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.
- 14 11 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION —— ADMINISTRATION
- 14 12 a. For use by the department for costs of administration and
- 14 13 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:
- 14 14 \$ 3.800.000
- 14 15 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", \$150,000
- 14 16 is allocated to support field staff providing technical
- 14 17 assistance.
- 14 18 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
- 14 19 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
- 14 20 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
- 14 21 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
- 14 22 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
- 14 23 used for the purposes designated:

Requires 5.00% of cost-share funds to be used for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes from soil erosion and sediment.

Permits the State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee to allocate funds for research and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

Permits financial incentive payments to be used in combination with funds from the DNR.

Prohibits the use of more than 15.00% of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALS for soil and water conservation administration.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

Allocates \$150,000 of the above appropriation to support field staff providing technical assistance.

lowa Code section 8.57A contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the RIIF to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill appropriates a total of \$24,005,000 to the DNR from the EFF for FY 2025.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

14 14 14	24 25 26	1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and staff time associated with these activities:
14	27	\$ 6,235,000
14 14	28 29	2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)
14	30	To provide local watershed managers with geographic information system data for their use in developing,
14	31	monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:
14	32	\$ 195,000
14	33	3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING
14	34	For continuing the establishment and operation of water
14 15	35 1	quality monitoring stations: \$ 2,955,000
15 15	2	4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
15 15	4 5	water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A: 500,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for State park maintenance and operations.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. State parks are under the administration of the Parks Bureau in the DNR. Funding pays for seasonal staff, facilities maintenance, equipment replacement, and other related expenditures.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the GIS Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The GIS Program is responsible for the development, management, and coordination of the Natural Resources Geographic Information System (NRGIS) for the DNR. The NRGIS is used to provide local watershed managers with data to develop, monitor, and display watershed improvements.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Water Quality Monitoring Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Appropriated dollars are allocated for the administration, research, and operation of water quality monitoring stations. The DNR contracts with experts from the U.S. Geological Survey and State universities for water quality research, analysis, and modeling. The appropriation supports six water quality monitoring programs. Water samples are collected to develop a baseline of information on lowa streams, lakes, and wetlands. The DNR tracks water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and many other physical conditions and chemicals. The Water Quality Monitoring Program records fish kills and statewide water data and assesses the ability of water bodies to meet their intended uses (impaired waters) as defined by the federal Clean Water Act.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Public Water Supply System Account of the Water Quality Protection Fund.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. A public water supply is defined as a system that has at least

15 15 15	6 7	5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:
15	8 9	1,320,000
15 15	10 11	 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:
15	12	\$ 375,000
15 15	13 14	7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY
15 15 15	15 16	For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
15 15	17 18	standards from particulate matter: \$425,000

15 service connections or serves at least 25 persons for at least 60 days throughout the year. These systems are regulated by the Water Supply Engineering Section of the DNR.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Animal Feeding Operations Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation is used to regulate animal feeding operations. This includes processing permits for the construction of new sites and reviewing nutrient management plans. Other activities include inspection of earthen basins, construction sites, and operations as well as inspecting and investigating manure, fertilizer, and chemical spills.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Section 10 of this Bill appropriates an additional \$1,510,000 from the General Fund for the Program. The Program's goal is the protection of life and property from damage by flood. The Program does the following:

- Supports a network of stream gauges.
- Provides funding for the Dam Safety Program, which maintains information on 3.800 dams.
- Funds floodplain mapping projects.
- Provides technical assistance for community enrollment for flood insurance.
- Regulates the construction of floodplains and floodways.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Ambient Air Quality Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. Appropriated funds finance the administration of ambient air monitoring activities and an annual contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) at the University of Iowa to conduct air monitoring. The SHL collects air monitoring data, provides quality assurance results, and reports data to the public.

15 15 15 15 15 15	19 20 21 22 23 24	Sec. 17. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA —— IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa 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:
15 15 15 15 15 15 15	25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	OPERATIONS For purposes of supporting the operations of the lowa geological survey of the state as created within the state university of lowa pursuant to section 456.1, including but not limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection, and compilation; investigative programs; and information for water supply development and protection: \$\text{200,000}\$
15 15 16 16 16 16	33 34 35 1 2 3 4 5	2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT For purposes of supporting the lowa geological survey in measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water sources in this state and assisting the department of natural resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B and 456.14: \$\text{495,000}\$
16 16 16 16 16 16	6 7 8 9 10 11	Sec. 18. REVERSION. 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of this Act 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

16 13 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the

lowa Code section 8.57A contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the RIIF to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill appropriates a total of \$695,000 to the University of Iowa from the EFF for FY 2025.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the UI for the Geological and Water Survey Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. This appropriation funds the development of programs that provide comprehensive information regarding mineral and water resources in Iowa. This includes educational programs as well as technology transfer programs and an emphasis on new water supply developments and monitoring water quality. The Geological and Water Survey Program provides information to the federal government and State agencies.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the UI for the Water Quantity Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Water Quantity Program was established due to an increase in the number of industries that are dependent on large quantities of water for their operations (ethanol plants). The Program's goal is to provide long-term planning for water use for industrial operations, drinking water, and other water uses.

Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2026 or until a specific project is completed, whichever is earlier.

16 14 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier. b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for 16 16 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of 16 17 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship 16 18 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of 16 19 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain 16 20 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year 16 21 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure 16 22 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year 16 23 beginning July 1, 2027. 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred 16 25 pursuant to this division of this Act to the loess hills 26 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2, 16 27 which shall not revert as provided in that section. 16 28 **DIVISION VI** 16 29 **ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND** 16 30 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS Sec. 19. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE —— DEPARTMENT OF 16 31 16 32 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP. 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund 16 34 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture 35 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so 2 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes 17 3 designated: For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in 5 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality 6 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation 7 and water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including 8 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes: 17 9\$ 2,375,000 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be 17 11 used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the 17 12 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified 17 13 by the water resources coordinating council established 17 14 pursuant to section 466B.3.

Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations for soil and water conservation practices to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2028.

Specifies that the Hungry Canyons allocation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund in this Bill is exempt from the reversion date of FY 2026.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Water Quality Initiative (WQI).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding from the EFF compared to estimated FY 2024.

The Nutrient Reduction Strategy Report was introduced in November 2012 as a collaborative effort by the DALS, the DNR, and ISU to assess and reduce nutrient flow into Iowa waters. The WQI was created in SF 435 (FY 2014 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) to provide funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC).

Requires the funds appropriated above to be used to support projects in high-priority watersheds as identified by the WRCC.

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- b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to
- 17 16 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional
- 17 17 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority
- 17 18 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating
- 17 19 council established pursuant to section 466B.3.
- 3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds
- 17 21 as provided in subsection 2, all of the following apply:
- a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
- 17 23 practices as described in the lowa nutrient reduction strategy
- 17 24 as defined in section 455B.171.
- b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
- 17 26 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
- 17 27 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
- 17 28 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
- 17 29 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
- legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
- 17 31 subwatershed.
- c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
- 17 33 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
- 17 34 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
- 17 35 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of
- 1 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
- 2 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
- 3 whichever is less. 18
- d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other 18
- 5 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar
 - 6 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day
- 7 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish
- 8 water quality practices on their agricultural land.
- e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
- 18 10 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
- 18 11 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the
- 12 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
- 18 13 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
- 14 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
- 18 15 land shall be a confidential record under section 22.7.
- 4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used
- 18 17 to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages
- persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for
- 18 19 farming to implement water quality practices, including the

Requires the funds appropriated above to be used to support projects in watersheds.

Specifies criteria for projects in high-priority watersheds as follows:

- Requires demonstration projects to utilize water quality practices described in the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy as defined in Iowa Code section 455B.171.
- Requires the DALS to collaborate with agricultural landowners in targeted watersheds.
- Prohibits the State's cost-share amount of water quality protection practices from exceeding 50.00% of the value of the practices, except for edge-of-field practices.
- Requires demonstration projects to educate the public about water quality practices.
- Requires the DALS to conduct water quality evaluations within targeted watersheds and to create a database of water quality practices. Specifies that all information received is to be a confidential record and exempt from public access.

Requires the DALS to use funds to support education and outreach to encourage agricultural producers to establish water quality practices.

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18 21 18 22	establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds. 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of	Permits the DALS to use funds for contracts that will assist with the implementation of the WQI.
18 25 18 26 18 27 18 28 18 29 18 30	the department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts, which may include but are not limited to management practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided	Permits the DALS to use funds to support urban soil and water conservation practices and to allocate funds on a cost-share basis.
18 32 18 33 18 34	contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to	Permits the DALS to use funds as cost-share moneys for projects.
	this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering and implementing the water quality initiative by the department's division of soil conservation and water quality as	Prohibits the DALS from using more than 10.00% of the funds appropriated for administration and implementation of WQI practices.
19 7 19 8		
19 13 19 14	lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in section 455A.19:	Appropriates \$12,000,000 from the EFF to the Resources Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund in lieu of the \$20,000,000 General Fund standing appropriation. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
19 17 19 18 19 19	MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.	Allows the DNR to use up to \$1,000,000 from the Open Spaces Account for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment for FY

subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces account of the lowa resources enhancement and protection fund, up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural resources for state park maintenance, development, operations, and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.	2025. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.
19 26 DIVISION VIII 19 27 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS — MARKETING 19 28 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND 19 29 STEWARDSHIP	
PART A PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS Sec. 22. VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM, DAIRY INNOVATION FUND, AND CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM. There sis appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:	
 4 1. VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM 5 a. For the administration and execution of a value added 6 agriculture grant program to identify, evaluate, and support 7 programs and services that add value to agriculture products, 8 enable new technology, and support marketing strategies: 9	General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the administration of a Value Added Agricultural Grant Program. DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The purpose of the Program is to identify, evaluate, and support programs that add value to agriculture products, enable new technologies, and support marketing strategies.
20 10 b. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A20 11 necessary to implement and administer this subsection.	Requires the DALS to adopt administrative rules to administer the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program.
20 12 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in 20 13 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the 20 14 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain 20 15 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the 20 16 close of the succeeding fiscal year.	Allows unexpended funds from the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.
 20 17 2. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM 20 18 For deposit in the choose lowa fund established pursuant to 	General Fund appropriation to the Choose Iowa Fund. DETAIL: Maintains current funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

20 19 section 159.31: 20 20\$ 500,000	The funds are for the State branding program to advertise food items that contain agricultural commodities grown in Iowa.
20 21 3. DAIRY INNOVATION FUND 20 22 For deposit in the dairy innovation fund created in section 20 23 159.31A: 20 24	General Fund Appropriation for the Dairy Innovation Program. DETAIL: Maintains current funding compared to estimated FY 2024. The Dairy Innovation Program provides financial assistance to businesses related to the dairy industry to help expand or refurbish or establish new milk plants and mobile dairy processing units, rent buildings or equipment, or incorporate methods or technologies that reduce farm labor.
20 25 Sec. 23. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this 20 26 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, if 2024 lowa 20 27 Acts, Senate File 2410, or successor legislation, is not 20 28 enacted. 20 29 PART B 20 30 CHOOSE IOWA	Part A of Division VIII of the Bill takes effect July 1, 2024, if 2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2410 (Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities Bill) or successor legislation is not enacted.
20 31 Sec. 24. CHOOSE IOWA FUND. 20 32 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state 20 33 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the 20 34 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, 20 35 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be 21 used for the purpose designated: 21 2 For deposit in the choose lowa fund as created in section 21 3 187.201: 21 4	Appropriates \$1,713,000 from the General Fund to the Choose Iowa Fund. DETAIL: This General Fund appropriation is contingent on the establishment of the Choose Iowa Fund, if enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2410 (Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities Bill).
 5 2. a. (1) Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the 6 department shall use at least \$475,000 to support the value 7 added agricultural grant program created in section 187.321. 	Requires DALS to use \$475,000 from the Choose Iowa Fund for the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program.
8 (2) Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in 9 subparagraph (1) that remain unencumbered or unobligated at 10 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain 21 11 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the 21 12 close of the succeeding fiscal year.	Allows unexpended funds from the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2026.
21 13 b. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the 21 14 department may use up to \$750,000 to support the dairy	Allows DALS to use up to \$750,000 from the Choose lowa Fund for the Dairy Innovation and Revitalization Program.

- 21 15 innovation and revitalization program created in section
- 21 16 187.313.
- 21 17 Sec. 25. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this
- 21 18 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, if 2024 lowa
- 21 19 Acts, Senate File 2410, or successor legislation, is enacted.

Part B of Division VIII of the Bill takes effect July 1, 2024, if 2024 Iowa Acts, <u>SF 2410</u> (Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities Bill), or successor legislation is enacted.

General Fund

	Actual FY 2023 (1)		Estimated FY 2024 (2)		Senate Approp FY 2025 (3)		Sen Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)		Page and Line # (5)	
Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of										
Agriculture and Land Stewardship										
Administrative Division	\$	18,960,194	\$	19,210,194	\$	19,682,310	\$	472,116	PG 1 LN 4	
Milk Inspections		189,196		189,196		189,196		0	PG 2 LN 25	
Local Food and Farm		75,000		75,000		75,000		0	PG 2 LN 35	
Agricultural Education		25,000		75,000		75,000		0	PG 3 LN 14	
Foreign Animal Disease		750,000		1,000,000		1,000,000		0	PG 3 LN 24	
Foreign Animal Disease Capitals		0		250,000		250,000		0	PG 3 LN 28	
Foreign Animal Disease Vaccine Development		0		250,000		250,000		0	PG 3 LN 33	
Farmers with Disabilities		180,000		230,000		230,000		0	PG 4 LN 2	
Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund		400,000		400,000		400,000		0	PG 4 LN 25	
Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund		250,000		150,000		150,000		0	PG 5 LN 6	
Grain Regulation		350,000		350,000		350,000		0	PG 5 LN 13	
*Value Added Agriculture Grant Program		463,000		463,000		463,000		0	PG 20 LN 4	
*Choose Iowa Promotion Program		500,000		500,000		500,000		0	PG 20 LN 17	
*Dairy Innovation Program		0		750,000		750,000		0	PG 20 LN 21	
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of	\$	22,142,390	\$	23,892,390	\$	24,364,506	\$	472,116		
Natural Resources, Department of										
Natural Resources										
Natural Resources Operations	\$	12,093,061	\$	11,922,293	\$	12,479,695	\$	557,402	PG 5 LN 20	
Floodplain Management Program		1,510,000		1,510,000		1,510,000		0	PG 8 LN 8	
Forestry Health Management		500,000		500,000		500,000		0	PG 8 LN 22	
State Park Operations		1,000,000		1,000,000		1,000,000		0	PG 8 LN 31	
Total Natural Resources, Department of	\$	15,103,061	\$	14,932,293	\$	15,489,695	\$	557,402		
Regents, Board of										
Regents, Board of										
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	\$	4,400,000	\$	4,400,000	\$	4,400,000	\$	0	PG 9 LN 3	
ISU - Livestock Disease Research	•	170,390	•	191,390	•	191,390	•	0	PG 9 LN 29	
UI - Iowa Center for Ag Safety & Health (I-CASH)		128,154		128,154		128,154		0	PG 10 LN 22	
Total Regents, Board of	\$	4,698,544	\$	4,719,544	\$	4,719,544	\$	0		
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$	41,943,995	\$	43,544,227	\$	44,573,745	\$	1,029,518		

^{*}If Senate File 2410 is enacted, these appropriations would be combined into a single line item for the Choose Iowa Fund totaling \$1,713,000

Other Funds

	Actual FY 2023 (1)		Estimated FY 2024 (2)		Senate Approp FY 2025 (3)		Sen Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)		Page and Line # (5)
Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of									
Agriculture and Land Stewardship									
Native Horse & Dog Prog - Unclaimed Winnings	\$	305,516	\$	305,516	\$	305,516	\$	0	PG 1 LN 31
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF		500,000		500,000		500,000		0	PG 2 LN 8
Conservation Reserve Enhancement - EFF		1,000,000		1,000,000		1,000,000		0	PG 12 LN 2
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF		900,000		900,000		900,000		0	PG 12 LN 18
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF		900,000		900,000		900,000		0	PG 12 LN 26
Cost Share - EFF		8,325,000		8,325,000		8,325,000		0	PG 12 LN 35
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF		3,800,000		3,800,000		3,800,000		0	PG 14 LN 11
Water Quality Initiative - EFF		2,375,000		2,375,000		2,375,000		0	PG 16 LN 31
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of	\$	18,105,516	\$	18,105,516	\$	18,105,516	\$	0	
Natural Resources, Department of									
Natural Resources									
Fish & Game - DNR Admin Expenses	\$	48,397,337	\$	49,752,093	\$	49,752,093	\$	0	PG 6 LN 10
GWF - Storage Tanks Study		100,303		100,303		100,303		0	
GWF - Household Hazardous Waste		447,324		447,324		447,324		0	
GWF - Well Testing Admin 2%		62,461		62,461		62,461		0	
GWF - Groundwater Monitoring		1,686,751		1,686,751		1,686,751		0	
GWF - Landfill Alternatives		618,993		618,993		618,993		0	
GWF - Waste Reduction and Assistance		192,500		192,500		192,500		0	
GWF - Solid Waste Alternatives		50,000		50,000		50,000		0	
GWF - Geographic Information System		297,518		297,518		297,518		0	
Snowmobile Registration Fees		100,000		100,000		100,000		0	PG 7 LN 16
Administration Match - UST		200,000		200,000		200,000		0	PG 7 LN 25
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF		6,235,000		6,235,000		6,235,000		0	PG 14 LN 24
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF		195,000		195,000		195,000		0	PG 14 LN 28
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF		2,955,000		2,955,000		2,955,000		0	PG 14 LN 33
Water Quality Protection - EFF		500,000		500,000		500,000		0	PG 15 LN 2
Animal Feeding Operations - EFF		1,320,000		1,320,000		1,320,000		0	PG 15 LN 6
Floodplain Mgmt and Dam Safety - EFF		375,000		375,000		375,000		0	PG 15 LN 10
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring - EFF		425,000		425,000		425,000		0	PG 15 LN 13
REAP - EFF		12,000,000		12,000,000		12,000,000		0	PG 19 LN 9
Total Natural Resources, Department of	\$	76,158,187	\$	77,512,943	\$	77,512,943	\$	0	

Other Funds

	Actual FY 2023 (1)		Estimated FY 2024 (2)		Senate Approp FY 2025 (3)		Sen Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)		Page and Line # (5)
Regents, Board of									
Regents, Board of									
ISU - Vet Diagnostic Lab - Iowa Nutrient Research Fund	\$	0	\$	120,000	\$	120,000	\$	0	PG 10 LN 8
UI - Geological and Water Survey Oper EFF		200,000		200,000		200,000		0	PG 15 LN 25
UI - Water Resource Management - EFF		495,000		495,000		495,000		0	PG 15 LN 33
Total Regents, Board of	\$	695,000	\$	815,000	\$	815,000	\$	0	
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$	94,958,703	\$	96,433,459	\$	96,433,459	\$	0	

FTE Positions

	Actual FY 2023 (1)	Estimated FY 2024 (2)	Senate Approp FY 2025 (3)	Sen Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)	Page and Line # (5)	
Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of						
Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Division	307.49	338.25	420.00	81.75	PG 1 LN 4	
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of	307.49	338.25	420.00	81.75		
Natural Resources, Department of						
Natural Resources						
Natural Resources Operations	939.40	1,025.70	1,145.95	120.25	PG 5 LN 20	
Total Natural Resources, Department of	939.40	1,025.70	1,145.95	120.25		
Regents, Board of						
Regents, Board of						
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	51.00	50.00	51.00	1.00	PG 9 LN 3	
Total Regents, Board of	51.00	50.00	51.00	1.00		
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	1,297.89	1,413.95	1,616.95	203.00		