

Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill Senate File 509 *Conference Committee Report*

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**Conference
Committee**

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection, and including effective date provisions.

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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Conference Committee Report

SENATE FILE 509

Funding Summary: Senate File 509, as proposed by the Conference Committee, appropriates a total of \$32.0 million from the General Fund and 1,560.95 FTE positions for FY 2012. This is a decrease of \$1.8 million compared to estimated FY 2011. Senate File 509 also appropriates \$76.4 million from other funds. This is an increase of \$200,000 compared to estimated FY 2011. **See the attached tracking document for funding totals and difference comparisons for individual budget unit items.**

FUNDING SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS: The Conference Committee recommends that the Senate amendment, H-1743, to House amendment, S-3227, as passed and reprinted by the Senate be amended as follows:

- Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs)
 - Local Food and Farm Program – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating \$75,000 from the Environment First Fund (EFF).
 - Iowa FFA Foundation – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating \$25,000 from the EFF.
 - Loess Hills Alliance – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating \$475,000 from the EFF and allocates 75.0% to the Hungry Canyons Account and 25.0% to the Loess Hills Alliance Account.
 - Farm Management Demonstration – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating \$625,000 from the EFF and allocates \$370,000 to the Iowa Soybean Association's Agriculture and Environment Performance Program.
 - DALs FTE positions – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating 365.0 FTE positions for FY 2012.
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
 - DNR Operations – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating \$12.3 million to the DNR for operations from the General Fund.
 - State Park Operations and Maintenance – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating \$3.2 million from the EFF.
 - Animal Feeding Operations – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating \$420,000 from the EFF.
 - Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund – The Conference Committee recommends appropriating \$12.0 million from the EFF.

Biennial Budgeting – FY 2013: The Conference Committee recommends appropriating General Fund, other funds, and FTE positions for FY 2013 for the Agriculture and Natural Resources budget and includes necessary corresponding language. These appropriations are equal to 50.0% of the appropriations for FY 2012, with the following exceptions

- FTE positions are not funded at 50.0%.
- No EFF funding was appropriated for REAP as it has a standing appropriation of \$20,000,000.

Language Summary:

NOTE: This language summary represents major language provisions and should not be considered an all-inclusive comprehensive listing.

Local Food and Farm Program: The Conference Committee recommends goals for the Local Food and Farm Program, the membership of the Local Food and Farm Program Council, and creates a Local Food and Farm Program Fund, and outlines reporting requirements. This includes a member from the Iowa Farmers Union.

Snowmobile Fund: The Conference Committee does not recommend that 75.0% of the Snowmobile Fund for FY 2012 and FY 2013 be used by political subdivisions or private organizations for snowmobile projects.

Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share: The Conference Committee recommends additional allocation language and allocates \$50,000 for administration of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) for FY 2012 and FY 2013.

State Park Seasonal Help: The Conference Committee recommends the allocation of 50.0 FTE positions for seasonal help at State Parks for maintenance and upkeep for FY 2012 and FY 2013 as long as this does not impact any State Park Ranger positions. The Conference Committee does not recommend the allocation of \$1.2 million from the EFF appropriation to State Parks.

Opens Spaces Account in Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund: The Conference Committee does not recommend allocations in the REAP Open Spaces Account.

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Agriculture Drainage Wells Report: The Conference Committee recommends a status report on the closure of Agriculture Drainage Wells.

Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) Soil Study: The Conference Committee recommends that the WIRB authorize up to \$50,000 for a study of soil nutrient mass balance issues.

Law Enforcement Assistant Bureau Chief: The Conference Committee does not recommend the elimination of the Law Enforcement Assistant Bureau Chief and recommends an interim study committee meeting to review the spending by the DNR from the Fish and Game Trust Fund.

Radio Purchase for Law Enforcement Officers: The Conference Committee recommends that the DNR use unappropriated funds in the Fish and Game Protection Fund to purchase radios as required by the federal Homeland Security Department. The radios must be compatible with the Department of Public Safety's Statewide network and must be purchased using a competitive bidding process. The DNR has until June 30, 2012, to expend the money for the radios and requires a report to the Legislative Services Agency and the Department of Management on or before January 13, 2012, detailing the cost of the radios.

Rural Improvement Zone Board of Trustees: The Conference Committee recommends that a Board of Trustees in a rural improvement zone be allowed to authorize construction, reconstruction or repair of improvements outside of the zone using procedures in Iowa Code.

Abandoned Buildings Grant Program: The Conference Committee recommends the removal of abandoned buildings as projects eligible for a Beautification Grant and creates a new Abandoned Buildings Grant Program in the DNR.

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Fund: The Conference Committee agrees on statutory language related to carryforward of unexpended funds from the standing UST Inspection Program appropriation to future fiscal years.

Watershed Improvement Fund: The Conference Committee recommends that revenue from civil penalties collected for violations of the Animal Agriculture Compliance Act be deposited in the Watershed Improvement Fund beginning in FY 2013. The five-year average of fine money collected for FY 2006 through FY 2010 is \$205,000.

Fish and Game Protection Fund: The Conference Committee recommends the DNR be allowed to use unexpended funds from the Fish and Game Protection Fund for salary adjustments for FY 2012 and FY 2013.

Effective Dates:

- The Conference Committee recommends an effective on enactment date provision for the purchase of radios, or a retroactive date provision to June 30, 2011, if not approved by the Governor on or after July 1, 2011.
- The Conference Committee recommends an effective date for the deposit of civil penalties collected for violations of the Animal Agriculture Compliance Act to the Watershed Improvement Fund of July 1, 2012.
- The Conference Committee recommends that the effective date for funds deposited in the general account for administration of the WIRB take effect July 1, 2012.

Summary Data

General Fund

	Estimated Net FY 2011 (1)	Conf Comm FY 2012 (2)	Conf Comm vs FY 2011 (3)	Conf Comm FY 2013 (4)	FY 2013 vs FY 2012 (5)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 33,765,206	\$ 32,001,632	\$ -1,763,574	\$ 16,000,816	\$ -16,000,816
Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 33,765,206</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,001,632</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -1,763,574</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,000,816</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -16,000,816</u></u>

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General Fund

	Estimated Net FY 2011 (1)	Conf Comm FY 2012 (2)	Conf Comm vs FY 2011 (3)	Conf Comm FY 2013 (4)	FY 2013 vs FY 2012 (5)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>					
Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Division	\$ 16,872,308	\$ 16,497,308	\$ -375,000	\$ 8,248,654	\$ -8,248,654
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	<u>\$ 16,872,308</u>	<u>\$ 16,497,308</u>	<u>\$ -375,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,248,654</u>	<u>\$ -8,248,654</u>
<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>					
Natural Resources					
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 13,448,604	\$ 12,266,688	\$ -1,181,916	\$ 6,133,344	\$ -6,133,344
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	<u>\$ 13,448,604</u>	<u>\$ 12,266,688</u>	<u>\$ -1,181,916</u>	<u>\$ 6,133,344</u>	<u>\$ -6,133,344</u>
<u>Regents, Board of</u>					
Regents, Board of					
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	\$ 3,444,294	\$ 3,237,636	\$ -206,658	\$ 1,618,818	\$ -1,618,818
Total Regents, Board of	<u>\$ 3,444,294</u>	<u>\$ 3,237,636</u>	<u>\$ -206,658</u>	<u>\$ 1,618,818</u>	<u>\$ -1,618,818</u>
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	<u><u>\$ 33,765,206</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,001,632</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -1,763,574</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,000,816</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -16,000,816</u></u>

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Other Fund

	Estimated Net FY 2011 (1)	Conf Comm FY 2012 (2)	Conf Comm vs FY 2011 (3)	Conf Comm FY 2013 (4)	FY 2013 vs FY 2012 (5)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 76,154,502	\$ 76,354,502	\$ 200,000	\$ 32,177,253	\$ -44,177,249
Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 76,154,502</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 76,354,502</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 200,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,177,253</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -44,177,249</u></u>

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Other Fund

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>					
Agriculture and Land Stewardship					
Native Horse & Dog Prog-Unclaimed Winnings	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 0	\$ 152,758	\$ -152,758
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF	300,000	500,000	200,000	250,000	-250,000
Conservation Reserve Enhance - EFF	1,500,000	1,000,000	-500,000	500,000	-500,000
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF	1,500,000	900,000	-600,000	450,000	-450,000
Farm Management Demo - EFF	750,000	625,000	-125,000	312,500	-312,500
Agricultural Drainage Wells - EFF	1,250,000	0	-1,250,000	0	0
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF	1,751,600	2,000,000	248,400	1,000,000	-1,000,000
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF	1,300,000	1,000,000	-300,000	500,000	-500,000
So. Iowa Conservation & Dev - EFF	250,000	0	-250,000	0	0
Cost Share - EFF	1,050,000	6,300,000	5,250,000	3,150,000	-3,150,000
Iowa FFA Foundation - EFF	0	25,000	25,000	12,500	-12,500
Local Food & Farm Program - EFF	0	75,000	75,000	37,500	-37,500
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 9,957,116	\$ 12,730,516	\$ 2,773,400	\$ 6,365,258	\$ -6,365,258
Loess Hills Dev. and Conservation					
Loess Hills - EFF	\$ 500,000	\$ 475,000	\$ -25,000	\$ 237,500	\$ -237,500
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 10,457,116	\$ 13,205,516	\$ 2,748,400	\$ 6,602,758	\$ -6,602,758
<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>					
Natural Resources					
Fish & Game- DNR Admin Expenses	\$ 38,793,154	\$ 38,793,154	\$ 0	\$ 19,396,577	\$ -19,396,577
GWF - Storage Tanks Study	100,303	100,303	0	50,152	-50,151
GWF - Household Hazardous Waste	447,324	447,324	0	223,662	-223,662
GWF - Well Testing Admin 2%	62,461	62,461	0	31,231	-31,230
GWF - Groundwater Monitoring	1,686,751	1,686,751	0	843,376	-843,375
GWF - Landfill Alternatives	618,993	618,993	0	309,497	-309,496
GWF - Waste Reduction and Assistance	192,500	192,500	0	96,250	-96,250
GWF - Solid Waste Authorization	50,000	50,000	0	25,000	-25,000
GWF - Geographic Information System	297,500	297,500	0	148,750	-148,750
Snowmobile Registration Fees	100,000	100,000	0	50,000	-50,000
Administration Match - UST	200,000	200,000	0	100,000	-100,000
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	\$ 42,548,986	\$ 42,548,986	\$ 0	\$ 21,274,495	\$ -21,274,491

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Other Fund

	Estimated Net FY 2011	Conf Comm FY 2012	Conf Comm vs FY 2011	Conf Comm FY 2013	FY 2013 vs FY 2012
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<u>Natural Resources Capital</u>					
Natural Resources Capital					
Volunteers and Keepers of Land - EFF	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ -50,000
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	2,470,000	3,210,000	740,000	1,605,000	-1,605,000
Forestry Management Programs - EFF	0	100,000	100,000	50,000	-50,000
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF	195,000	195,000	0	97,500	-97,500
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF	2,955,000	2,955,000	0	1,477,500	-1,477,500
Water Quality Protection - EFF	500,000	500,000	0	250,000	-250,000
Animal Feeding Operations - EFF	608,400	420,000	-188,400	210,000	-210,000
Air Quality Monitoring-Ambient - EFF	425,000	425,000	0	212,500	-212,500
Water Quantity - EFF	495,000	495,000	0	247,500	-247,500
REAP - EFF	15,000,000	12,000,000	-3,000,000	0	-12,000,000
Resource Conservation and Dev. - EFF	150,000	0	-150,000	0	0
State Park Volunteer Activities - EFF	250,000	0	-250,000	0	0
Geological Water Survey	0	200,000	200,000	100,000	-100,000
Total Natural Resources Capital	\$ 23,148,400	\$ 20,600,000	\$ -2,548,400	\$ 4,300,000	\$ -16,300,000
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 76,154,502	\$ 76,354,502	\$ 200,000	\$ 32,177,253	\$ -44,177,249

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FTE

	Estimated Net FY 2011	Conf Comm FY 2012	Conf Comm vs FY 2011	Conf Comm FY 2013	FY 2013 vs FY 2012
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	1,523.55	1,560.95	37.40	1,561.95	1.00
Grand Total	<u>1,523.55</u>	<u>1,560.95</u>	<u>37.40</u>	<u>1,561.95</u>	<u>1.00</u>

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	Estimated Net FY 2011	Conf Comm FY 2012	Conf Comm vs FY 2011	Conf Comm FY 2013	FY 2013 vs FY 2012
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>					
Agriculture and Land Stewardship					
Administrative Division	291.67	323.07	31.40	323.07	0.00
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
GW - Ag Drain Wells/Sinkholes	2.60	2.60	0.00	2.60	0.00
Water Protection Fund	18.73	18.73	0.00	18.73	0.00
EPA Non Point Source Pollution	10.90	10.90	0.00	10.90	0.00
Abandoned Mined Lands Grant	5.70	5.70	0.00	5.70	0.00
Brucellosis Eradication	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Local Food & Farm Program - EFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	333.60	365.00	31.40	366.00	1.00
<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>					
Natural Resources					
Natural Resources Operations	1,145.95	1,145.95	0.00	1,145.95	0.00
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	1,145.95	1,145.95	0.00	1,145.95	0.00
<u>Regents, Board of</u>					
Regents, Board of					
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	44.00	50.00	6.00	50.00	0.00
Total Regents, Board of	44.00	50.00	6.00	50.00	0.00
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	1,523.55	1,560.95	37.40	1,561.95	1.00