

Budgetary duties include preparing the governor's annual budget for presentation to the legislature, drafting bills supporting the budget, and monitoring the use of appropriations granted through the legislative process.

The department oversees the development and maintenance of state and local budgets, including cities, counties, and schools. It provides staff assistance to the City Finance Committee, and County Finance Committee. In addition, a liaison is provided with Iowa's Washington, D.C. State-Federal Relations Office concerning action that may be required on national issues affecting Iowa.

Other duties of the department include administering and promoting equal opportunity in all state contracts and services and prohibiting discriminatory and unfair practices within any program receiving or benefiting from state funding. It oversees and ensures compliance with affirmative action programs, state contracts and procurement goals associated with targeted small business.

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The State Appeal Board is governed by four separate chapters of the *Code of Iowa*. Chapter 73A covers public contracts and bonds and allows citizens to appeal from decisions of municipalities on public improvements. Chapter 24 covers local budget laws whereby citizens can appeal on budgets adopted by municipalities. Chapter 25 covers claims against the state of Iowa and by the state of Iowa against municipalities. Chapter 669 covers tort claims filed by people against the state of Iowa when a state agency or any of its employees may have caused negligence, a wrongful act, or omission.

The Appeal Board reviews all claims under Chapters 25 and 669 after receiving recommendations from the special assistant attorney general for claims, and may pay such claims. Claims denied under Chapter 25 are referred to the Iowa Legislature.

NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

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The Department of Natural Resources was established on July 1, 1986 by combining the Conservation Commission, the Department of Water, Air and Waste Management, the Geological Survey, and part of the Energy Policy Council.

The department director is appointed by the governor and requires Senate confirmation. There are two commissions in the department: the Natural Resource Commission and the Environmental Protection Commission. Both commissions have broad authority to set policy and adopt rules and standards for the management and protection of the state's natural resources. The department director is responsible for the administration of the agency.

The agency is charged with the management and protection of the state's fish and wildlife, parks, forests and preserves, and providing for public use of these resources. It also has jurisdiction over state-owned meandered lakes and streams. Additionally, the agency is responsible for improving and maintaining the quality of the state's water, air, and land resources. Floodplain management, water quality in public water supplies, air and water pollution control and enforcement, waste management, and assisting communities in grant applications in these fields are included in the department's operations.

Energy conservation and research, as well as data collection and reporting on the state's geological resources, are also functions of the agency.

To help meet these operational duties, the department also employs administrative support groups in public information, licensing, office management, data processing, and other similar roles.