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BY (PROPOSED HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL
RESOURCES BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state
2 government entities associated with agriculture, natural
3 resources, and environmental protection, making related
4 statutory changes, and including effective date provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

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:
..... \$ 20,192,310
..... FTEs 420.00

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and technology, to be used for the university's midwest grape and wine industry institute:

..... \$ 325,000

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.

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.

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so

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

3 For purposes of supporting the department's administration
4 and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section
5 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and
6 miscellaneous purposes:

7 \$ 305,516

8 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR
9 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable
10 fuel infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the
11 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
12 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
13 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
14 used for the purposes designated:

15 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
16 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

17 \$ 500,000

18 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

19 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
20 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
21 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
23 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
24 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

25 1. DAIRY REGULATION

26 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
27 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
28 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

29 \$ 189,196

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

35 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

1 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm
2 program pursuant to chapter 267A:
3 \$ 75,000

4 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
5 with Iowa 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.

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

14 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

15 a. For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association
16 affiliated with a national organization that promotes
17 agricultural education providing for future farmers:
18 \$ 75,000

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

24 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

25 a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness
26 and response fund created in section 163.3B:
27 \$ 1,000,000

28 b. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment
29 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease
30 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
31 163.3B:
32 \$ 250,000

33 c. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines
34 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that
35 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:

1 \$ 250,000

2 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

3 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
4 disabilities:

5 \$ 230,000

6 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
7 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
8 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
9 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
10 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
11 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
12 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
13 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
14 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the
15 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged
16 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
17 modification consultations, peer support services, services
18 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
19 services.

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

25 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

26 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
27 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.2:

28 \$ 400,000

29 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills
30 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$360,000
31 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons account.

32 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the
33 fund's hungry canyons account as provided in this paragraph may
34 be used for administrative costs.

35 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills

1 development and conservation fund in this subsection, \$40,000
2 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance account.

3 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to
4 the fund's loess hills alliance account as provided in this
5 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

6 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

9 \$ 150,000

10 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
11 to the fund as provided in this subsection may be used for
12 administrative costs.

13 8. GRAIN REGULATION

14 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203
15 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
16 miscellaneous purposes:

17 \$ 350,000

18 Sec. 5. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PILOT PROJECT FOR
19 SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR FOOD BANKS AND IOWA EMERGENCY
20 FEEDING ORGANIZATIONS.

21 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
22 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
23 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
24 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
25 used for the purposes designated:

26 For purposes of supporting a choose Iowa food purchasing
27 pilot project to assist eligible participants in purchasing
28 qualified food products:

29 \$ 250,000

30 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, the department
31 shall administer the pilot project based on the farm-to-school
32 program described in chapter 190A, in which the department
33 reimburses a school or school district for the purchase of a
34 food product originating from a farm source.

35 3. The department shall administer the pilot project

1 according to all of the following:

2 a. A farm or business that owns or operates the farm source
3 shall be given a preference to participate in the pilot project
4 if the farm or business is currently participating in the
5 choose Iowa promotional program as provided in chapter 159,
6 subchapter II, part 2. Otherwise, a farm or business may
7 participate in the pilot project if the farm or business has
8 applied to participate in the choose Iowa promotional program
9 and the department determines that the application will be
10 approved.

11 b. An eligible participant is limited to any of the
12 following:

13 (1) A public or private school or a school district, if the
14 public or private school or school district is not currently
15 participating in the farm-to-school program.

16 (2) An Iowa food bank or an Iowa emergency feeding
17 organization, recognized by the department.

18 c. A qualified food product is limited to the following:

19 (1) For a school or school district, meat and poultry, dairy
20 products other than milk, eggs, and produce.

21 (2) For an Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding
22 organization, meat and poultry, dairy products, eggs, and
23 produce.

24 d. The department is not required to follow a requirement in
25 chapter 190A that the department determines is not practical
26 for the pilot project.

27 4. a. Of the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, not more
28 than \$100,000 shall be used to reimburse schools or school
29 districts and not more than \$150,000 shall be used to reimburse
30 Iowa food banks and Iowa emergency feeding organizations.

31 b. An eligible participant shall be reimbursed on a matching
32 basis with the department contributing \$1 for every \$1 expended
33 by the eligible participant.

34 c. (1) A school or school district shall not receive more
35 than \$1,000 for participating in the pilot project.

1 (2) An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization
2 shall not receive more than \$25,000 for participating in the
3 pilot project.

4 5. The department shall prepare and submit a report
5 regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor and
6 general assembly not later than January 15, 2025.

7 DIVISION II

8 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

9 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

10 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
11 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
12 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following
13 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
14 purposes designated:

15 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
16 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
17 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
18 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
19 \$ 12,919,695
20 FTEs 1,145.95

21 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions
22 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00
23 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the
24 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing
25 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.
26 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park
27 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

28 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
29 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
30 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
31 expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to
32 support the department's administration, regulation, and
33 programs.

34 Sec. 7. STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS —

35 ACCESSIBILITY. There is appropriated from the general

1 fund of the state to the department of natural resources for
2 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
3 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
4 to be used for the purposes designated:

5 For purposes of increasing accessibility for persons with
6 disabilities when visiting state parks and recreation areas:
7 \$ 250,000

8 Sec. 8. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
9 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

10 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
11 protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the
12 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
13 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,
14 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
15 designated:

16 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
17 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
18 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
19 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
20 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
21 and miscellaneous purposes:
22 \$ 49,752,093

23 2. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use
24 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
25 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
26 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of
27 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation
28 who retire, pursuant to section 97B.49B.

29 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may
30 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish
31 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
32 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as is necessary to fund
33 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the
34 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
35 subsection 1.

1 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
2 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
3 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
4 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
5 used for the purposes designated:

6 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

7 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
8 safety:

9 \$ 1,510,000

10 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
11 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
12 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
13 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
14 frequency analysis.

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

20 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

21 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
22 programs:

23 \$ 500,000

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

29 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

30 For supporting operations at state parks, including
31 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

32 \$ 1,000,000

33 DIVISION III

34 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

35 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

1 \$ 150,000

2 Sec. 15. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS.

3 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
4 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
5 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
6 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
7 used for the purposes designated:

8 For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative extension
9 service in agriculture and home economics in providing
10 technical support to landowners and loggers regarding the
11 management of private forests in southeast Iowa, and for not
12 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

13 \$ 150,000

14 FTEs 1.00

15 2. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
16 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
17 economics in administering this section.

18 Sec. 16. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.

19 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
20 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025,
22 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
23 used for the purposes designated:

24 For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
25 in section 267.8:

26 \$ 291,390

27 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be used
28 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support
29 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock
30 producers.

31 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

32 Sec. 17. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND — VETERINARY

33 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there
34 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created
35 in section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and

1 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
2 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
3 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

4 For the purpose of supporting the college of veterinary
5 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
6 laboratory:

7 \$ 120,000

8 DIVISION IV
9 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
10 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

11 Sec. 18. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
12 (I-CASH).

13 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
14 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
15 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,
16 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
17 designated:

18 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
19 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
20 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
21 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
22 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
23 members of the agricultural community:

24 \$ 128,154

25 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
26 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
27 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
28 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
29 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
30 July 1, 2024, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
31 beginning July 1, 2023.

32 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
33 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
34 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
35 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in

1 subsection 1.

2 3. If by June 30, 2025, the state university of Iowa fails
3 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance
4 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
5 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection
6 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
7 30, 2025, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
8 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section
9 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the
10 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or
11 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or
12 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount
13 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any
14 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant
15 to section 8.33.

16 DIVISION V

17 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

18 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

19 Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND

20 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
21 fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
22 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
23 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so
24 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
25 designated:

26 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

27 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
28 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
29 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
30 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
31 \$ 1,000,000

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

35 c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the

1 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection,
2 in combination with other appropriate environment first
3 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States
4 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation
5 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding
6 available to Iowa.

7 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

8 a. For continuation of a program that provides
9 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
10 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:
11 \$ 900,000

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

15 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

16 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
17 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and
18 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to
19 improve water quality and habitat:
20 \$ 900,000

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

24 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

25 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
26 conservation:
27 \$ 8,325,000

28 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
29 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
30 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2:
31 \$ 140,000

32 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred to
33 the fund's hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph
34 (1) may be used for administrative costs.

35 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",

1 for use by the department in providing for soil and water
2 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
3 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
4 districts:

5 \$ 8,185,000

6 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
7 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,
8 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the
9 purpose of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73
10 to establish management practices for the control of soil
11 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited
12 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring
13 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation
14 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be
15 expended by the district for that same purpose.

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

19 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
20 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
21 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
22 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
23 161A.73.

24 g. The state soil conservation and water quality committee
25 established by section 161A.4 may allocate moneys appropriated
26 in paragraph "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects
27 to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution
28 control practices.

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

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

35 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

1 a. For use by the department for costs of administration and
2 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:
3 \$ 3,800,000

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

7 Sec. 20. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
8 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
9 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
10 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
11 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
12 used for the purposes designated:

13 1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

14 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
15 staff time associated with these activities:
16 \$ 6,235,000

17 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

18 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
19 information system data for their use in developing,
20 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:
21 \$ 195,000

22 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

23 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
24 quality monitoring stations:
25 \$ 2,955,000

26 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

27 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
28 water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:
29 \$ 500,000

30 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

31 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including
32 as provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:
33 \$ 1,320,000

34 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

35 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

1 \$ 375,000

2 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

3 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient
4 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary
5 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
6 standards from particulate matter:

7 \$ 425,000

8 Sec. 21. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL
9 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first
10 fund created in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa
11 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
12 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
13 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

14 1. OPERATIONS

15 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
16 geological survey of the state as created within the state
17 university of Iowa pursuant to section 456.1, including but not
18 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,
19 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for
20 water supply development and protection:

21 \$ 200,000

22 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

23 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
24 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
25 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
26 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
27 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B
28 and 456.14:

29 \$ 495,000

30 Sec. 22. REVERSION.

31 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
32 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the
33 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of this
34 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
35 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available

1 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
2 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
3 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

4 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for
5 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in this division of
6 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
7 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of
8 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain
9 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
10 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
11 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
12 beginning July 1, 2027.

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

17 DIVISION VI

18 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

19 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

20 Sec. 23. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
21 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

22 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
23 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
24 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
25 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so
26 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
27 designated:

28 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
29 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
30 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
31 and water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including
32 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
33 \$ 2,375,000

34 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be
35 used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the

1 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified
2 by the water resources coordinating council established
3 pursuant to section 466B.3.

4 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to
5 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional
6 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority
7 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating
8 council established pursuant to section 466B.3.

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

11 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
12 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy
13 as defined in section 455B.171.

14 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
15 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
16 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
17 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
18 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
19 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
20 subwatershed.

21 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
22 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
23 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
24 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of
25 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
26 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
27 whichever is less.

28 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other
29 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar
30 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day
31 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish
32 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

33 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
34 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
35 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the

1 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
2 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
3 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
4 land shall be a confidential record under section 22.7.

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

11 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used
12 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of
13 efforts provided in this section.

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

21 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
22 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in
23 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a
24 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to
25 the department from a state or federal source.

26 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
27 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
28 and implementing the water quality initiative by the
29 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as
30 provided in section 466B.42 and this section.

31 DIVISION VII

32 IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

33 Sec. 24. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
34 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is
35 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section

1 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
3 30, 2025, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
4 section 455A.19:

5 \$ 12,000,000

6 Sec. 25. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK
7 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.

8 Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
9 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
10 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,
11 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural
12 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,
13 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July
14 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.

15 DIVISION VIII

16 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS — MARKETING AGRICULTURAL
17 PRODUCTS — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

18 PART A

19 PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS

20 Sec. 26. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM, DAIRY
21 INNOVATION FUND, AND CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM. There
22 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
23 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
24 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
25 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
26 used for the purposes designated:

27 1. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

28 a. For the administration and execution of a value-added
29 agriculture grant program to identify, evaluate, and support
30 programs and services that add value to agriculture products,
31 enable new technology, and support marketing strategies:

32 \$ 463,000

33 b. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
34 necessary to implement and administer this subsection.

35 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in

1 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
2 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
3 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
4 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

5 2. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

6 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund established pursuant to
7 section 159.31:

8 \$ 600,000

9 3. DAIRY INNOVATION FUND

10 For deposit in the dairy innovation fund created in section
11 159.31A:

12 \$ 750,000

13 PART B

14 BUTCHERY INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION FUND AND PROGRAM

15 Sec. 27. BUTCHERY INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION FUND AND
16 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
17 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for
18 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
19 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
20 to be used for the purposes designated:

21 For deposit in the butchery innovation and revitalization
22 fund as created in section 15E.370:

23 \$ 500,000

24 Sec. 28. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of
25 this division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024, if
26 the administration of the butchery innovation program is
27 transferred from the economic development authority to the
28 department of agriculture and land stewardship by July 1, 2024.

29 DIVISION IX

30 STATUTORY CHANGES

31 Sec. 29. Section 159.31, Code 2024, is amended by adding the
32 following new subsection:

33 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The department may use not more than
34 five percent of the balance of unencumbered and unobligated
35 moneys in the fund at the beginning of a fiscal year to pay for

1 costs of administration.

2 Sec. 30. Section 159.31A, Code 2024, is amended by adding
3 the following new subsection:

4 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The department may use not more than
5 five percent of the balance of unencumbered and unobligated
6 moneys in the fund at the beginning of a fiscal year to pay for
7 costs of administration.

8 Sec. 31. Section 159.31C, if enacted by 2024 Iowa Acts,
9 House File 2641, or successor legislation, is amended by adding
10 the following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The department may use not more than
12 five percent of the balance of unencumbered and unobligated
13 moneys in the fund at the beginning of a fiscal year to pay for
14 costs of administration.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 GENERAL. This bill relates to agriculture and natural
19 resources by making appropriations for FY 2024-2025 to support
20 related entities, including the department of agriculture and
21 land stewardship (DALs), the department of natural resources
22 (DNR), Iowa state university (ISU), and the university of Iowa
23 (UI).

24 The bill primarily appropriates moneys to DALs and DNR.
25 The appropriations are made to support those departments for
26 administration, regulation, and support of programs. The bill
27 requires the departments to submit quarterly reports to the
28 general assembly and department of management regarding the
29 expenditure of appropriated moneys. The bill also provides
30 moneys to support specific programs or projects administered by
31 those departments.

32 The bill primarily appropriates moneys from the state
33 general fund (GF) and the environment first fund (EFF) to
34 support DALs and DNR, but also UI and ISU, and to support
35 a number of designated activities, projects, and programs

1 administered by those agencies. General appropriations are
2 made from other major sources, including the state fish and
3 game protection fund (SFGPF) and the groundwater protection
4 fund (GPF), both administered by DNR. Finally, appropriations
5 are made from and to a number of dedicated sources, including
6 the resources enhancement and protection (REAP) fund
7 administered by DNR, and the renewable fuel infrastructure
8 fund (RFIF) and the water quality initiative fund (WQIF)
9 administered by DALS.

10 DALS — GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates moneys
11 to DALS from the GF in order to support its administrative
12 divisions, including consumer protection and industry services,
13 soil conservation, and food safety and animal health. Moneys
14 are transferred to ISU to support its midwest grape and wine
15 industry institute.

16 DALS — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
17 The bill appropriates moneys from several sources to support a
18 number of designated purposes, including moneys derived from
19 unclaimed winnings from horse and dog races, for administration
20 and enforcement of racing regulations; and moneys credited to
21 the RFIF, for purposes of regulating motor fuel.

22 DALS — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
23 appropriations from the GF to DALS in order to support specific
24 purposes including milk inspection, the local food and farm
25 program, an agricultural education organization, foreign animal
26 disease preparedness, assistance to farmers with disabilities,
27 loess hills protections, southern Iowa development and
28 conservation, and grain regulation.

29 DALS — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT CHOOSE IOWA FOOD
30 PURCHASING PILOT PROJECT. The bill appropriates moneys from
31 the GF to support a choose Iowa food purchasing pilot project
32 to assist schools, school districts, Iowa food banks, and Iowa
33 emergency feeding organizations in obtaining food from farm
34 sources.

35 DNR — GF AND OTHER MAJOR FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS. The bill

1 makes appropriations from a number of funds to DNR in order
2 to support its administrative divisions involving natural
3 resources and environmental protection from the GF, the SFGPF,
4 and the GPF. The bill makes a special appropriation from the
5 GF to DNR for purposes of increasing the accessibility to state
6 parks and recreation areas by persons with disabilities.

7 DNR — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
8 The bill appropriates moneys to DNR from a number of sources
9 to support designated purposes, including moneys deposited in
10 the special snowmobile fund to provide for administering and
11 enforcing the state snowmobile programs; and moneys deposited
12 in the unassigned revenue fund for purposes of paying for
13 administration of DNR's underground storage tanks section.

14 DNR — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
15 appropriations from the GF to DNR in order to support specific
16 purposes including floodplain management, dam safety and
17 forestry health management programs, and state parks.

18 ISU — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates
19 moneys from the GF to ISU to support the operation of its
20 veterinary diagnostic laboratory and livestock disease
21 research. The bill makes special appropriations from the GF to
22 ISU to support the move of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory
23 and to support the management of private forests.

24 ISU — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
25 The bill appropriates moneys from the Iowa nutrient reduction
26 fund to ISU for the veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

27 UI — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates
28 moneys from the GF to UI to support the operations of Iowa's
29 center for agricultural safety and health, which is part of
30 UI's college of public health.

31 DALs, DNR, AND UI — EFF — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS. The
32 bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to support a number of
33 programs administered by DALs, DNR, and UI. For DALs, the
34 moneys are appropriated to support programs involving soil
35 conservation, watershed protection and nutrient management,

1 and the loess hills development and conservation fund. For
2 DNR, moneys are appropriated to support programs involving
3 state parks, geographic information systems, water quality
4 monitoring, public water supplies, regulation of animal feeding
5 operations, air quality, and floodplain management and dam
6 safety. For UI, moneys are appropriated to support the Iowa
7 geological survey. The bill includes provisions that delay the
8 reversion of these moneys.

9 EFF — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR WQIF. The bill
10 appropriates moneys from the EFF to the WQIF subject to certain
11 conditions.

12 REAP FUND — EFF APPROPRIATION IN LIEU OF GF APPROPRIATION.
13 The bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to the REAP
14 fund instead of the \$20 million otherwise required to be
15 appropriated to the REAP fund from the GF. Notwithstanding
16 the standing allocation from the REAP fund to its open
17 spaces account, DNR may use moneys in the account for state
18 park maintenance, development, operations, and facility
19 refurbishment.

20 STATUTORY CHANGES — DAL'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. The
21 bill amends provisions creating funds for the choose Iowa
22 promotional program, the dairy innovation fund, and the
23 value-added agricultural grant program, by providing that not
24 more than 5 percent of moneys in those funds may be used for
25 purposes of administration.