SENATE FILE 558
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1210)

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state government entities associated with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection.

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

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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:

..... $ 19,210,194

..... FTEs 397.00

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. Of the full-time equivalent positions authorized in subsection 1, 2.00 full-time equivalent positions shall be used to hire 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

..... $ 305,516

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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:

..... $ 500,000

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. DAIRY REGULATION

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

..... $ 189,196

b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain

available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

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

..... $ 75,000

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

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

3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

..... $ 75,000

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

4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

a. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and response fund created in section 163.3B:

..... $ 1,000,000

b. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy developed under section 163.3B:

..... $ 250,000

c. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that develops livestock and other animal vaccines:
..... $ 250,000

5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with disabilities:
..... $ 230,000

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

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

6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

a. For deposit in the loess hills development and conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.2:
..... $ 400,000

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

(2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the

fund's hungry canyons account as provided in this paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

c. (1) Of the amount appropriated to the loess hills development and conservation fund in this subsection, $40,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance account.

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

7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and 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.

8. GRAIN REGULATION

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

..... $ 350,000

9. VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

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

..... $ 463,000

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

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

10. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

For deposit in the choose Iowa fund established pursuant to

section 159.31:

..... $ 500,000

11. DAIRY INNOVATION FUND

For deposit in the dairy innovation fund created in section 159.31A, if enacted by 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 700:

..... $ 750,000

DIVISION II

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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:

..... $ 11,922,293

..... FTEs 1,145.95

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 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

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

Sec. 6. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND —— REGULATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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, including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... $ 48,397,337

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

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

Sec. 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND —— WATER QUALITY. There is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department's protection of the state's groundwater, including for administration,

regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:
..... $ 3,455,850

Sec. 8. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph b, subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (a), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Thirty-five percent is appropriated annually to the Iowa nutrient research fund created in section 466B.46. Of the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subparagraph division, five hundred thousand dollars or one-third of the moneys appropriated, whichever is higher, shall be deposited in the water quality initiative fund created in section 466B.45 for purposes of supporting the water quality initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in section 466B.42.

Sec. 9. Section 466B.47, subsection 4, Code 2023, is amended by striking the subsection.

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 10. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND —— SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created under section 321G.7 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of administering and enforcing the state snowmobile programs:
..... $ 100,000

Sec. 11. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND —— UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board established pursuant to section 455G.4 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the department's underground storage tanks section:
..... $ 200,000

SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 12. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources 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:

1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam safety:
..... $ 1,510,000

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

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

2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management programs:
..... $ 500,000

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

3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

For supporting operations at state parks, including

maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:
..... $ 1,000,000

DIVISION III

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 13. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... $ 4,400,000
..... FTEs 51.00

2. a. Iowa 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 appropriation made in this section.

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 Iowa state university of science and technology's budget units.

3. If by June 30, 2024, 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.

Sec. 14. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024,

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:

..... $ 191,390

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

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 15. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND —— VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created in section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

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

..... $ 120,000

DIVISION IV

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 16. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (I-CASH).

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For supporting the operations of Iowa'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:

..... $ 128,154

2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the director of Iowa'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, 2023, as worked by the director during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

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

3. If by June 30, 2024, the state university of Iowa fails 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 Iowa 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.

DIVISION V
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 17. 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

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

..... $ 1,000,000

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

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

2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

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

..... $ 900,000

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

3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

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

..... $ 900,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated

in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

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

..... $ 8,325,000

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

..... $ 140,000

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

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

..... $ 8,185,000

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

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

f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of

the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section 161A.73.

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

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

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

5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION —— ADMINISTRATION

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

..... $ 3,800,000

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

Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 8.57A to the department of natural resources 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:

1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

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

..... $ 6,235,000

2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

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

..... $ 195,000

3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

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

..... $ 2,955,000

4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

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

..... $ 500,000

5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

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

..... $ 1,320,000

6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

..... $ 375,000

7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

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 standards from particulate matter:

..... $ 425,000

Sec. 19. Section 455B.145, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

a. Ordinances, rules, and standards establishing requirements consistent with~~, or more strict than,~~ those imposed by this subchapter II or rules and standards adopted by the department.

Sec. 20. 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. OPERATIONS

For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa

geological survey of the state as created within the state university of Iowa 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:

..... $ 200,000

2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

For purposes of supporting the Iowa 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:

..... $ 495,000

Sec. 21. REVERSION.

1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, 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 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in this division of this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred pursuant to this division of this Act to the loess hills development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2,

which shall not revert as provided in that section.

DIVISION VI

ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 22. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE —— DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

1. 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

..... $ 2,375,000

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

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

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

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

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by

persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land located within the same subwatershed.

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

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

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

4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for farming to implement water quality practices, including the 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 efforts provided in this section.

6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by 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 in chapter 161A.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 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 the department from a state or federal source.

8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in 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 provided in section 466B.42 and this section.

DIVISION VII

IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION —— OPEN SPACES

Sec. 23. REAP —— IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in section 455A.19:

..... $ 12,000,000

Sec. 24. REAP —— OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT —— STATE PARK MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT. Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces account of the Iowa 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, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

Sec. 25. Section 465A.1, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code

1 2023, is amended by striking the paragraph.