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The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is submitting a bill request to clarify existing language that is inclusive of all Federal disaster financial assistance programs. Current language in 29C.6 and 29C.20 uses imprecise references to specific types of Federal disaster financial aid programs. The proposal clarifies the State can provide cost sharing requirements tied to all Federal disaster aid programs.

Additionally, HSEMD would be able to ask the Executive Council for the state match for all federal disaster assistance programs. Currently, some federal disaster assistance programs can only be funded out of HSEMD General Fund rather than through the Executive Council. This change could ultimately lead to greater Federal disaster financial assistance for the State.

HSEMD is proposing a modification to existing language in Iowa Code § 29C.6 and 20C.20.

Any questions regarding this proposed bill can be addressed to the HSEMD Legislative Liaison, Blake DeRouchey, [blake.derouchey@iowa.gov](mailto:blake.derouchey@iowa.gov) or 515-323-4232.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Blake DeRouchey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Blake DeRouchey  
Legislative Liaison