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BY (PROPOSED GOVERNOR BUDGET
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.
4 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, 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; and for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
..... \$ 18,960,194

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. 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:

1 \$ 305,516

2 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR

3 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable
4 fuel infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the
5 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
6 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the
7 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
8 used for the purposes designated:

9 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
10 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

11 \$ 500,000

12 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

13 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO

14 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
15 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
16 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
17 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
18 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

19 1. DAIRY REGULATION

20 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
21 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
22 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

23 \$ 189,196

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 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

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

32 \$ 75,000

33 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
34 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
35 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of

1 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
2 and home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

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

8 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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

12 \$ 25,000

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

18 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

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

21 \$ 750,000

22 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

23 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
24 disabilities:

25 \$ 180,000

26 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
27 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national
28 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
29 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
30 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
31 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
32 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
33 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
34 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the
35 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged

1 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
2 modification consultations, peer support services, services
3 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
4 services.

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

10 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

13 \$ 400,000

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

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

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

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

26 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

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

29 \$ 250,000

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

33 8. GRAIN REGULATION

34 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203
35 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and

1 miscellaneous purposes:

2 \$ 350,000

3 9. VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

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

8 \$ 463,000

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

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

16 10. CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

17 For deposit in the choose Iowa fund established pursuant to
18 section 159.31:

19 \$ 500,000

20 DIVISION II

21 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

22 Sec. 5. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

23 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
24 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
25 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
26 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
27 purposes designated:

28 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
29 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; and
30 for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
31 \$ 11,922,293

32 2. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
33 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
34 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
35 expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to

1 support the department's administration, regulation, and
2 programs.

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

5 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
6 protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the
7 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount,
9 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
10 designated:

11 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
12 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
13 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
14 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
15 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
16 and miscellaneous purposes:

17 \$ 48,397,337

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

24 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may
25 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish
26 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
27 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as is necessary to fund
28 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the
29 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
30 subsection 1.

31 Sec. 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
32 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created
33 in section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for
34 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
35 2024, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to

1 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
2 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3 For purposes of supporting the department's protection
4 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,
5 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
6 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:
7 \$ 3,455,850

8 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

9 Sec. 8. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE

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

15 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
16 snowmobile programs:
17 \$ 100,000

18 Sec. 9. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE

19 TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the
20 unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive
21 petroleum underground storage tank fund board established
22 pursuant to section 455G.4 to the department of natural
23 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
24 ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof
25 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

26 For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the
27 department's underground storage tanks section:
28 \$ 200,000

29 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

30 Sec. 10. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO

31 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
32 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
33 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the
34 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
35 used for the purposes designated:

1 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

2 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
3 safety:

4 \$ 1,510,000

5 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
6 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
7 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
8 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
9 frequency analysis.

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

15 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

16 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
17 programs:

18 \$ 500,000

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 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

25 For supporting operations at state parks, including
26 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:

27 \$ 1,000,000

28 DIVISION III

29 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

30 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

31 Sec. 11. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

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

1 used for the purposes designated:

2 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
3 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
4 laboratory:

5 \$ 4,400,000

6 2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology
7 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the
8 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the
9 appropriation made in this section.

10 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a reduction made to
11 support the college of veterinary medicine, if the same
12 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary
13 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of
14 science and technology's budget units.

15 3. If by June 30, 2024, Iowa state university of science and
16 technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this
17 section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance
18 with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for
19 that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

20 Sec. 12. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH.

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

26 For deposit in the livestock disease research fund created
27 in section 267.8:

28 \$ 170,390

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

33 DIVISION IV
34 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
35 SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

1 Sec. 13. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
2 (I-CASH).

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

8 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
9 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
10 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
11 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
12 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
13 members of the agricultural community:

14 \$ 128,154

15 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
16 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
17 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
18 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
19 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
20 July 1, 2023, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
21 beginning July 1, 2022.

22 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
23 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
24 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
25 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
26 subsection 1.

27 3. If by June 30, 2024, the state university of Iowa fails
28 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance
29 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
30 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection
31 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
32 30, 2024, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
33 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section
34 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the
35 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or

1 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or
2 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount
3 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any
4 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant
5 to section 8.33.

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7 DIVISION V
8 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND
9 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

10 Sec. 14. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND

11 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
12 fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
13 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
14 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so
15 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
16 designated:

17 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

18 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
19 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
20 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
21 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
22 \$ 1,000,000

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

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

33 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

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

1 \$ 900,000

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

5 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

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

10 \$ 900,000

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

14 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

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

17 \$ 8,325,000

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

21 \$ 140,000

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

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

30 \$ 8,185,000

31 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
32 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,
33 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the
34 purpose of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73
35 to establish management practices for the control of soil

1 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited
2 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring
3 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation
4 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be
5 expended by the district for that same purpose.

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

9 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
10 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
11 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
12 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
13 161A.73.

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

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

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

25 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

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

28 \$ 3,800,000

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

32 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
33 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
34 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
35 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the

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

3 1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

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

6 \$ 6,235,000

7 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

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

11 \$ 195,000

12 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

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

15 \$ 2,955,000

16 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

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

19 \$ 500,000

20 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

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

23 \$ 1,320,000

24 6. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

25 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient
26 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary
27 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
28 standards from particulate matter:

29 \$ 425,000

30 7. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY

31 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

32 \$ 375,000

33 Sec. 16. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL

34 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first

35 fund created in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa

1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
2 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
3 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

4 1. OPERATIONS

5 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
6 geological survey of the state as created within the state
7 university of Iowa pursuant to section 456.1, including but not
8 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,
9 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for
10 water supply development and protection:

11 \$ 200,000

12 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

13 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
14 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
15 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
16 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
17 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B
18 and 456.14:

19 \$ 495,000

20 Sec. 17. REVERSION.

21 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", and
22 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the
23 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in this division of this
24 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
25 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
26 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
27 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
28 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

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

1 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
2 beginning July 1, 2026.

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

7 DIVISION VI

8 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND

9 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

10 Sec. 18. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
11 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

12 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
13 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
14 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
15 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so
16 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
17 designated:

18 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
19 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
20 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
21 and water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including
22 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
23 \$ 2,375,000

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

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

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

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

4 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
5 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
6 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
7 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
8 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
9 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
10 subwatershed.

11 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on
12 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,
13 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the
14 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of
15 establishing the practice as determined by the division or
16 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,
17 whichever is less.

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

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

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

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

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

11 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
12 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in
13 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a
14 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to
15 the department from a state or federal source.

16 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
17 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
18 and implementing the water quality initiative by the
19 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as
20 provided in section 466B.42 and this section.

21 DIVISION VII

22 IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION FUND

23 Sec. 19. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
24 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is
25 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
26 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
27 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
28 30, 2024, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
29 section 455A.19:

30 \$ 12,000,000

31 Sec. 20. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK
32 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. Notwithstanding section 455A.19,
33 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), of the moneys
34 allocated to the open spaces account of the Iowa resources
35 enhancement and protection fund, up to \$1,000,000 may be

1 used by the department of natural resources for state park
2 maintenance and repair for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
3 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

4 EXPLANATION

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

7 GENERAL. This bill relates to agriculture and natural
8 resources by making appropriations for FY 2023-2024 to support
9 related entities, including the department of agriculture and
10 land stewardship (DALs), the department of natural resources
11 (DNR), Iowa state university (ISU), and the university of Iowa
12 (UI).

13 The bill primarily appropriates moneys to DALs and DNR.
14 The appropriations are made to support those departments for
15 administration, regulation, and support of programs. The bill
16 requires the departments to submit quarterly reports to the
17 general assembly and department of management regarding the
18 expenditure of appropriated moneys. The bill also provides
19 moneys to support specific programs or projects administered by
20 those departments.

21 The bill primarily appropriates moneys from the state
22 general fund (GF) and the environment first fund (EFF) to
23 support DALs and DNR, but also UI and ISU, and to support
24 a number of designated activities, projects, and programs
25 administered by those agencies. General appropriations are
26 made from other major sources, including the state fish and
27 game protection fund (SFGPF) and the groundwater protection
28 fund (GPF), both administered by DNR. Finally, appropriations
29 are made from and to a number of dedicated sources, including
30 the resources enhancement and protection (REAP) fund
31 administered by DNR, and the renewable fuel infrastructure
32 fund (RFIF) and the water quality initiative fund (WQIF)
33 administered by DALs.

34 DALs — GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates moneys
35 to DALs from the GF in order to support its administrative

1 divisions, including consumer protection and industry services,
2 soil conservation, and food safety and animal health. Moneys
3 are transferred to ISU to support its midwest grape and wine
4 industry institute.

5 DALS — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
6 The bill appropriates moneys from several sources to support a
7 number of designated purposes, including moneys derived from
8 unclaimed winnings from horse and dog races, for administration
9 and enforcement of racing regulations; and moneys credited to
10 the RFIF, for purposes of regulating motor fuel.

11 DALS — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
12 appropriations from the GF to DALS in order to support specific
13 purposes including milk inspection, the local food and farm
14 program, an agricultural education organization, foreign animal
15 disease preparedness, assistance to farmers with disabilities,
16 loess hills protections, southern Iowa development and
17 conservation, grain regulation, a value added agriculture grant
18 program, and the choose Iowa promotional program.

19 DNR — GF AND OTHER MAJOR FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS. The bill
20 makes appropriations from a number of funds to DNR in order
21 to support its administrative divisions involving natural
22 resources and environmental protection from the GF, the SFGPF,
23 and the GPF.

24 DNR — DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
25 The bill appropriates moneys to DNR from a number of sources
26 to support designated purposes, including moneys deposited in
27 the special snowmobile fund to provide for administering and
28 enforcing the state snowmobile programs; and moneys deposited
29 in the unassigned revenue fund for purposes of paying for
30 administration of DNR's underground storage tanks section.

31 DNR — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill makes special
32 appropriations from the GF to DNR in order to support specific
33 purposes including floodplain management, dam safety and
34 forestry health management programs, and state parks.

35 ISU — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates

1 moneys from the GF to ISU to support the operation of its
2 veterinary diagnostic laboratory and livestock disease
3 research.

4 UI — SPECIAL GF APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates
5 moneys from the GF to UI to support the operations of Iowa's
6 center for agricultural safety and health, which is part of
7 UI's college of public health.

8 DALS, DNR, AND UI — EFF — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS. The
9 bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to support a number of
10 programs administered by DALS, DNR, and UI. For DALS, the
11 moneys are appropriated to support programs involving soil
12 conservation, watershed protection and nutrient management,
13 and the loess hills development and conservation fund. For
14 DNR, moneys are appropriated to support programs involving
15 state parks, geographic information systems, water quality
16 monitoring, public water supplies, regulation of animal feeding
17 operations, air quality, and floodplain management and dam
18 safety. For UI, moneys are appropriated to support the Iowa
19 geological survey. The bill includes provisions that delay the
20 reversion of these moneys.

21 EFF — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR WQIF. The bill
22 appropriates moneys from the EFF to the WQIF subject to certain
23 conditions.

24 REAP FUND — EFF APPROPRIATION IN LIEU OF GF APPROPRIATION.
25 The bill appropriates moneys from the EFF to the REAP
26 fund instead of the \$20 million otherwise required to be
27 appropriated to the REAP fund from the GF. Notwithstanding
28 the standing allocation from the REAP fund to its open spaces
29 account, DNR may use moneys in the account for state park
30 maintenance and repair.