



# IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

## BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

### IDALS Department Bill

### HF 750/SF427

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**Status of Bill:** House Ways & Means Calendar

**Committee:** Ways and Means (24-0) Natural Resources (19-0)

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### Summary

The bill is a Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) bill. There are several components to the bill:

- The Weather Bureau is changed to the Climatology Bureau.
- Commercial feed licenses will now be two-year licenses that expire on July 1 of odd-numbered years.
- Fertilizers and crop conditioners licenses will now be two-year licenses that expire on July 1 of even-numbered years.
- Bulk dry animal nutrient products licenses will now be two-year licenses that expire on July 1 of even-numbered years and the fee is changed to \$20 for two-years rather than \$10 for one year.
- Currently the Department of Natural Resources awards demonstration grants to people who purchase vehicles which operate on alternative fuels. The bill switches that responsibility to IDALS.
- IDALS is responsible for closing all drainage wells. The bill allows the department to use that money, in addition to closing wells, on projects aimed at improving the quality of surface and ground water.
- Code section 466B.32 is repealed. The Code section deals with watershed demonstration pilot projects.

### Amendment

**H-1218 by Isenhart:** The amendment tasks the Climatology Bureau to create task forces to study the effects of evolving atmospheric conditions and weather patterns on agriculture and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly regarding how the state can prevent, mitigate and adapt to associated risks and impacts.

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