



IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

BILL SUMMARY

Ag and DNR Budget SF 609

Status of Bill: Budget Subcommittee

Committee: Appropriations (14-11); Senate (32-18)

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SF 609 makes appropriations to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Iowa State University (ISU). The funding comes from the general fund, Environment First Fund (EFF), and the Fish and Game Trust Fund.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Appropriates \$41 million from the general fund for FY 20. This is an increase of \$1.75 million from estimated FY 2019.
- Appropriates \$42 million from the Environment First Fund for FY 20. This is status quo from estimated FY 19.
- Appropriates \$12 million from the Environment First Fund for the Resources Enhancement and Protection Fund (REAP). This is status quo from estimated FY 19.
- Provides for 1,569 FTE positions, an increase of approximately 149.7 FTEs from estimated FY 19.
- Requires the DNR to allocate 50 FTE positions to State Park operations and seasonal maintenance.
- Clarifies that the name of the geological survey is the "Iowa Geological Survey."

COMPARISON of H-1206 to SF 609

- Allows the DNR to use up to \$250,000 for State Parks maintenance and operations and to support the salaries of 3 State Park ranger full time employees. The Senate makes this appropriation from the Environment First Fund allocation to park maintenance; the House appropriates this DNR's general fund operations appropriation.
- Senate File 609 increases the fee cap on the Minor Source Account in the Air Quality Fund from \$250,000 to \$750,000. The House amendment does not include similar language.
- SF 609 includes language making changes to the information collected on mercury-added thermostats. The House amendment does not include similar language.
- SF 609 allows up to 5% of the money allocated to the Hungry Canyon's account to be used for administration. The House amendment increases this percentage to 10%.
- The House amendment appropriates an unencumbered and unobligated funds in the REAP Open Spaces account to DNR for the repair, restoration, or rehabilitation of property that has been damaged by flood waters. This includes property located in southwestern Iowa.
- SF 209 transfers \$200,000 from the IDALS appropriation to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Iowa State University contingent on the passage of SF 601 regarding Pesticide Applicator Fees; the House increases the General Fund Appropriation to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab by \$200,000.
- SF 609 appropriates \$100,000 to the Iowa Soybean Association for demonstration projects from the remaining Watershed Improvement Review Board Funding; the House does not have the same appropriation.

BUDGET SPREADSHEETS

| GENERAL FUND | Actual FY 2018 | Estimated FY 2019 | SF 609 FY 2020 | H-1206 | H-1206 vs. FY 2019 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Department of Agriculture | | | | | |
| Administrative Division | 17,451,888 | 18,023,339 | 18,327,339 | 18,623,339 | 600,000 |
| Milk Inspections | 189,196 | 189,196 | 189,196 | 189,196 | 0 |
| Farmers with Disabilities | 130,000 | 130,000 | 180,000 | 200,000 | 70,000 |
| Local Food & Farm Program | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 0 |
| Iowa FFA Foundation | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 0 |
| Water Quality Initiative | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 0 |
| Iowa Emergency Food Purchase | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Foreign Animal Disease | 100,000 | 250,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 250,000 |
| Total IDALS | 20,971,084 | 21,692,535 | 22,296,535 | 22,612,535 | 920,000 |
| | | | | | |
| Dept. of Natural Resources | | | | | |
| Natural Resource Operations | 11,176,438 | 11,554,987 | 11,554,987 | 12,054,987 | 500,000 |
| Floodplain Management | 1,885,000 | 1,510,000 | 1,510,000 | 1,510,000 | 0 |
| Forestry Health | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 0 |
| Total DNR | 13,561,438 | 13,564,987 | 13,564,987 | 14,064,987 | 500,000 |
| | | | | | |
| Board of Regents | | | | | |
| U of I Center for Ag Safety and Health | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130,000 | 130,000 |
| ISU – Veterinary Diagnostic Lab | 4,000,000 | 4,100,000 | 4,100,000 | 4,300,000 | 200,000 |
| Total Board of Regents | 4,000,000 | 4,100,000 | 4,100,000 | 4,430,000 | 330,000 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Budget | 38,532,522 | 39,357,522 | 39,961,522 | 41,107,522 | 1,750,000 |

Other Funds

- \$305,516 to the native horse and dog program from unclaimed pari-mutual winnings (status quo from FY 19).
- \$500,000 to Motor Fuel Inspection from the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund (Same as FY19).
- \$44.0 million from the Fish and Game Trust Fund to DNR's fisheries, wildlife, and enforcement bureaus (Same as FY 19).
- \$3.46 million from the Groundwater Protection Fund to DNR to administer the programs (Same as FY 19).

Designated Appropriations – Miscellaneous

- Requires \$288,000 from IDALS General Fund appropriation to go to the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute at ISU.

Environment First Fund

- Appropriates \$42 million from the Environment First Fund (EFF). This is status quo from FY 19.
- IDALS receives \$17.3 million from the Environment First Fund, status quo from FY 19.
- DNR receives \$24 million from the Environment First Fund, status quo from FY 19.
- The Board of Regents receives \$695,000 from the Environment First Funding, status quo from FY 19.

- REAP is funded at \$12 million, which is status quo from FY 19.
- Scoops \$1 million from REAP to the DNR for regular maintenance and operations of state parks.

| Environment First Fund | Actual FY 2018 | Estimated FY 2019 | SF 609 FY 2020 | H-1206 | H-1206 vs. FY 2019 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| DALS – Wetland Incentive Program (CREP) | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 0 |
| DALS – Watershed Protection Program | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 | 0 |
| DALS – Farm Demonstration Program | 375,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Soil and Water Conservation Fund | 3,800,000 | 3,800,000 | 3,800,000 | 3,800,000 | 0 |
| DALS – Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 | 0 |
| DALS – Soil Conservation Cost Share* | 8,325,000 | 8,325,000 | 8,325,000 | 8,325,000 | 0 |
| Water Quality Initiative | 2,375,000 | 2,375,000 | 2,375,000 | 2,375,000 | 0 |
| Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship | 17,675,000 | 17,300,000 | 17,300,000 | 17,300,000 | 0 |
| REAP | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 0 |
| DNR – State Park Maintenance and Operations | 6,235,000 | 6,235,000 | 6,325,000 | 6,325,000 | 0 |
| DNR – Geographic Information System | 195,000 | 195,000 | 195,000 | 195,000 | 0 |
| DNR – Water Quality Monitoring Stations | 2,955,000 | 2,955,000 | 2,955,000 | 2,955,000 | 0 |
| DNR – Water Quality Protection Fund | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 0 |
| DNR – Regulation of Animal Feeding Operations | 1,320,000 | 1,320,000 | 1,320,000 | 1,320,000 | 0 |
| DNR – Air Monitoring Equipment | 425,000 | 425,000 | 425,000 | 425,000 | 0 |
| DNR – Water Quantity Program | 495,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Geological and Water Survey | 200,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Floodplain Management and Dam Safety | 0 | 375,000 | 375,000 | 375,000 | 0 |
| Total Department of Natural Resources | 24,325,000 | 24,005,000 | 24,005,000 | 24,005,000 | 0 |
| Geological and Water Survey | 0 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 0 |
| Water Quantity Program | 0 | 495,000 | 495,000 | 495,000 | 0 |
| Total Board of Regents | 0 | 695,000 | 695,000 | 695,000 | 0 |
| Total Environment First Fund | \$42,000,000 | 42,000,000 | 42,000,000 | 42,000,000 | 0 |

POLICY PROPOSALS AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

REAP SCOOP

- Allows up to \$1 million from the Open Spaces Account of the Resource Enhancement and Protection fund (REAP) for state park maintenance and repair.
- Additional language will provide flexibility to use any unobligated funds for flood recovery.

Auditing Programs

- Requires the Department of Ag and Land Stewardship to establish and administer a program for auditing motor fuel.
- This includes biofuel processing and production plants, screening and testing motor fuel, including renewable fuel, and the inspection of motor fuel sold by dealers, including retail dealers who sell and dispense motor fuel from pumps.

Hungry Canyons Administration

- Increases the percentage of the appropriation to the Hungry Canyons account that can be used for administration from 5% to 10%.
- The bill appropriates \$450,000 for the Hungry Canyons program that addresses stream channel erosion in a 23 county area along the western edge of the state.

Iowa Geological Survey

- Clarifies the name of the geological survey is the "Iowa Geological Survey."