



IOWA CHAPTER

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to funding the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

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

New section 15.368(1)(a).

1. Legislative findings
 - a. Agriculture is the backbone of the state of Iowa.
 - b. Sustainable agriculture provides a means to preserve the soils of Iowa.
 - c. Research on agricultural methods that will protect and preserve Iowa's soils will allow agriculture to remain a strong sector in Iowa's economy. The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture has been the premier organization in Iowa involved with researching sustainable agriculture. Budget cuts have reduced the funding to the Leopold Center and its research mission.
 - d. Dr. Norman E. Borlaug was a leader in alleviating poverty, hunger, and malnutrition throughout the world. Dr. Borlaug's work was accomplished through the investment of research money toward his work. Dr. Borlaug's prize-winning work, as recognized in the World Food Prize, can be a role-model in research on sustainable agriculture.
 - e. At the time the World Food Prize was established, the funding was not secure, requiring support from state government. Since then the World Food Prize has garnered international reputation and, with that, the World Food Prize receives significant sponsorships and financial support from businesses and foundations.
 - f. By redirecting state funding of the World Food Prize to fund research by the Leopold Center for Sustainable agriculture, the next break-through in sustainable agriculture can be supported financially.
2. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the authority 750,000 dollars for the support of the world food prize award and 250,000 dollars for the support of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.
3. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the authority 0 dollars for the support of the world food prize award and one million dollars for the support of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

EXPLANATION

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