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Bill Summary

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Overview

Provides a state grant-in-aid program for local administration of conservation practices in the Blue Earth river basin.

Section

- 1** **Boundaries.** Defines the boundaries of the Blue Earth river basin for the purposes of this bill.
- 2** **Program.** Establishes a grant-in-aid program for financial assistance in the Blue Earth river basin.
- 434** **Formula.** Authorizes grants by the Board of Water and Soil Resources.
- 5** **Conditions.** Provides for local government application for administrative grants. Requires a water management plan, using nonstructural measures, for the Blue Earth river basin initiative.
- 6** **Interstate cooperation.** Provides that BOWSR and the initiative may work with Iowa to implement conservation practices.
- 7** **Report.** Requires, after two years, a report to the legislature on the feasibility and benefit of continuing the program.
- 8** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$50,000 in each fiscal year to BOWSR for the purposes of this bill.