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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the use of biomass as an additive or  
2 supplement to natural gas.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 15E.111, subsection 1, paragraph b,  
2 Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Renewable fuel production facilities. As used in this  
4 section, "renewable fuel" means an energy source which is  
5 derived from an-organic-compound biomass and which is capable  
6 of powering machinery, including an engine or power plant.  
7 "Biomass" means any organic matter that is available on a  
8 renewable or recurring basis, including but not limited to  
9 agricultural crops and trees, wood and wood wastes and  
10 residues, plants, grasses, residues, fibers, animal wastes,  
11 municipal wastes, and other waste materials.

12 c. Biomass research and development. Persons who are  
13 engaged in an innovative enterprise involving the research and  
14 development or the initial production of the use of biomass as  
15 an additive or supplement to natural gas.

16 Sec. 2. Section 15E.111, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
17 2005, is amended to read as follows:

18 a. The person, including an existing or proposed facility,  
19 is located in this state.

20 Sec. 3. Section 15E.111, subsection 4, unnumbered  
21 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

22 The department shall select an applicant which is an  
23 existing or proposed facility to receive financial assistance  
24 based on the following criteria:

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill amends Code section 15E.111, which provides for a  
27 value-added agricultural products and processes financial  
28 assistance program, is administered by the department of  
29 natural resources and supported by a special fund referred to  
30 as the value-added agricultural products and processes  
31 financial assistance fund created in Code section 15E.111.  
32 The purpose of the program is to encourage the increased  
33 utilization of agricultural commodities produced in this  
34 state. The department is required to support the development  
35 of new innovative products and processes related to

1 agriculture. An application based on innovation must be  
2 considered if the production process is not commonly available  
3 in this state and the production is not commonly produced in  
4 this state. The department is also authorized to support  
5 renewal fuel production facilities.

6 The bill requires the department to support persons who are  
7 involved in the research and development or the initial  
8 production of the use of biomass as an additive or supplement  
9 to natural gas. "Biomass" is defined to mean any organic  
10 matter that is available on a renewable or recurring basis.

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