

## **\$11.8M Legislative Request for FY26**

*Iowa's economy relies heavily on healthy agricultural and manufacturing industries and a vibrant business and workforce environment. Support for Iowa State's FY26 legislative request will help ensure Iowa's rural economic growth and prosperity.*

### **Education Appropriations (\$9.75M)**

#### **\$3.75 million increase, Agriculture Experiment Station**

- Demand for science and technology in service to agriculture continues to rise.
- Increased investment will strengthen efforts in:
  - Workforce development and entrepreneurship
  - Advancing digital and precision livestock and crops
  - Agricultural economics and policy research



#### **\$1 million increase, Agricultural Extension**

- ISU Agricultural Extension has been a constant partner in progress that has made Iowa agriculture the world's premier provider of food, feed and fuel.
- Increased investment will maintain Iowa's ag competitiveness and support farmers and rural communities through science-based, relevant, and practical extension education.

#### **\$1 million for Production Animal— Veterinary Early Acceptance Program**



- Iowa faces a declining number of food animal vets.
- This investment will establish veterinary scholarships covering in-state tuition for up to 10 students a year.
- In return, new graduates will be required to work in rural Iowa at least 5 years.

#### **\$4 million for Makelowa: Advancing our Manufacturing Workforce**

- Rural Iowa manufacturers have a shortage of technical workforce, impeding growth.
- Led by ISU's Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS), along with educational partners, the Makelowa program will revitalize the employee pathway.
- Makelowa will create new pathways for students and employees to gain advanced credentials.



## Agriculture Appropriations (\$1.75M)

### \$1.5 million for Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL) Operations



- The nation's largest food animal-focused vet diagnostic lab, serves a critical role in protecting Iowa's \$32.6 billion livestock industry.

- This investment will help cover the costs of maintaining the new Biosafety Level 2 facility.

### \$250,000 for Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council

- This investment will support disease-mitigation research to protect Iowa's livestock production industry.
- This line item provides Iowa livestock producers with the ability to help direct research into real-time concerns.

## Economic Development Appropriations (\$286,000)

### \$250,000 for Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

- ISU is nationally recognized as a leader in cultivating student entrepreneurs.
- This investment will expand opportunities in the portfolio of academic programs and experiential learning activities across campus, plus the immersive programs fostering new business ventures.



### \$36,005 for Biosciences Platforms

- Since 2017, Iowa has been committed to leadership in the biosciences industries.
- ISU leads 3 key platforms: biobased products, vaccines and immunotherapeutics, and digital and precision agriculture. This increase would complete a goal of providing \$3M annually for the three platforms.

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