

HF 674

Secondary Road Fund Distribution

Sections 1, 2 and 5

Amend Code sections 307.22, 312.3, subsection 1, and 312.5 to eliminate references to the “quadrennial need study” previously conducted by the DOT and used as a factor in apportioning Secondary Road Fund and Farm-to-Market Road Fund moneys among Iowa’s 99 counties.

Section 1 also requires the DOT to annually report on various pieces of road-related data for both the secondary and farm-to-market road systems. The annual report is to be submitted to the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) Service Bureau.

Sections 2 and 5 also provide that FY 2006 Secondary and Farm-to-Market Road Funds shall be distributed among the counties using the previous apportionment method based on county land area and need study results. For subsequent fiscal years, both road funds are to be distributed among the counties using the distribution methodology determined by the Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee in accordance with Code section 312.3C.

Section 3

Amends Code section 312.3B to require the ICEA Service Bureau to annually compute the Secondary Road Fund and Farm-to-Market Road Fund distributions using the methodology determined by the Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee established in Code section 312.3C. The ICEA Service Bureau is required to report the computations to the Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee, the DOT, the Treasurer of State, and the counties.

Section 4

Amends Code section 312.3C related to the Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee. The amendment provides that:

- the Committee is no longer advisory in nature;
- the Committee shall determine the methodology used for distribution of moneys in the Secondary Road Fund and the Farm-to-Market Road Fund;
- the methodology shall be phased in over a 5-year time period, beginning July 1, 2006; and
- the Committee shall adopt rules to govern the determination and modification of the methodology to be used for distribution of moneys in both funds.