

Reports or Studies Required by the 81st General Assembly, 2005 Session, Which Affect the Department of Transportation

The following requires the DOT to issue a report:

- HF 466 Section 1 requires the DOT to make quarterly reports to the Legislative Council regarding the progress of the motor vehicle building and to inform the General Assembly of any significant delays or unanticipated expenditures.
- HF 674 Section 1 requires the DOT to submit to the Iowa County Engineers Association Service Bureau an annual report concerning updated road and bridge data for both the secondary and farm-to-market roads. This report must be submitted by July 1 each year.
- HF 868 Section 85 requires the DOT to review the current revenue levels of the Road Use Tax Fund and its sufficiency for the projected construction and maintenance needs of city, county, and state governments in the future. This section also requires the DOT to submit a written report to the General Assembly regarding its findings on or before December 31, 2006. The report may include recommendations concerning funding levels needed to support the future mobility and accessibility for users of Iowa's public road system.

The following requires the DOT to assist with a study or report:

- HF 216 Section 45 establishes a special minor's license interim study committee to review the provisions of special minor's (school) licenses and make recommendations for revisions. The primary goals of the committee shall be to eliminate ambiguities in existing language, ensure the safe transportation of Iowa's youth and improve highway safety. Membership of the committee shall include a representative of the DOT. The committee must report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2006.
- HF 619 Section 52 establishes a task force to study and make periodic recommendations for treating and supervising sex offenders. The task force must file a report including recommendations with the General Assembly by January 15, 2006. The task force must also develop a plan to integrate state government databases for the purpose of updating addresses of persons on the sex offender registry. One representative from the DOT shall be a member of the task force.
- HF 810 Paragraph 3 of Section 15 requires the DOT to provide salary data to the Department of Management and the Legislative Services Agency to operate the state's salary model.

- HF 810 Section 27 adds a new section requiring all gifts, bequests and grants received by a Department or accepted by the Governor on behalf of the state to be reported to the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board and the Government Oversight Committees. The Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board must submit an annual report to the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency.
- HF 868 Section 7 requires the Department of Economic Development (DED) to coordinate all regulatory assistance for the state. Each state agency administering regulatory programs for business must maintain a coordinator within the office of the director or the administrative division of the state agency. Several duties for the coordinator are set out in the Code. Annually, the DED must submit a written report to the General Assembly regarding the provision of regulatory assistance by state agencies, including DED's efforts, recommendations and proposed solutions to streamline the process of issuing permits to business.
- HF 882 Section 80 requests the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to study the motor vehicle licensing law as it pertains to motor vehicle dealerships' moves from one facility and location to another facility and location in Iowa. A report should be provided to the General Assembly by January 15, 2006.

The following are of interest to the DOT:

- HF 776 Section 9 encourages the use of electronic transactions with regard to the state's dealings with the citizens of Iowa and other persons. The Department of Administrative Services shall develop recommendations, including proposed legislation, to encourage the use of electronic commerce, including the acceptance of credit card payments, with regard to transactions involving the state. The Department must consult with the state treasurer, state entities currently accepting credit card payments and any other state entities identified as considering the acceptance of credit card payments when developing the recommendations. The report is due to the General Assembly by January 20, 2006.
- HF 875 Section 3 appropriates \$60,000 to the Department of Economic Development for the costs associated with a study involving an environmental assessment and preliminary cultural and historical impact related to the establishment of a regional ferryboat service between Iowa and Illinois.