

HF 2782 Infrastructure Appropriations

House File 2782 makes appropriations to various state departments from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF), the Environment First Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund Restricted Capital Account, the Vertical Infrastructure Fund, the Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Fund, the Technology Reinvestment Fund, the Endowment for Iowa's Health Account, the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Fund, and the Iowa Great Places Program Fund and includes changes to prior appropriations and miscellaneous Code changes.

A detailed fiscal analysis of HF 2782, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency, is available at the following link: http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/noba/data/81_HF2782_Final.pdf

Several sections affecting the DOT are discussed below.

Division I – Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund

Section 1

Appropriates funds from the RIIF to various state agencies for FY 2007.

Subsection 14 appropriates RIIF moneys to the DOT :

- \$235,000 for deposit into the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund created in Code section 327H.20A; and
- \$564,000 for various aviation operations, including runway markings, windsocks, Aviation Weather Observation Systems (AWOS), and the Aviation Improvement Program (AIP).

Section 2

Appropriates funds from the RIIF to various state agencies for FY 2008.

Subsection 2 appropriates \$3,000,000 to the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) for deposit into the Iowa Great Places Program Fund created in Code section 303.3D (enacted in this Act).

Subsection 4 appropriates \$2,200,000 to the DOT for deposit into the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Fund created in Code section 324A.6A (enacted in this Act).

- Section 4 Includes reversion language applicable to the RIIF appropriations. Moneys appropriated from RIIF for FY 2007 remain available for the purposes designated until the close of FY 2010. Moneys appropriated from RIIF for FY 2008 remain available for the purposes designated until the close of FY 2011.
- Division V – Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Fund*
- Section 16 Appropriates funds from the Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Fund (Restricted Capitals Fund) to various state agencies for FY 2007.
- Subsection 4 appropriates \$3,000,000 to the DCA for deposit into the Iowa Great Places Program Fund created in Code section 303.3D (enacted in this Act). Of this amount, \$1,000,000 is allocated to each Iowa Great Place identified in FY 2006.
- Subsection 11 appropriates moneys from the Restricted Capitals Fund to the DOT:
- \$750,000 for infrastructure improvements at Iowa's general aviation airports;
 - \$1,500,000 for vertical infrastructure improvements at Iowa's commercial service airports;
 - \$2,000,000 for state recreational trails. Of this amount, \$200,000 is allocated for trail projects in Wapello County; and
 - \$2,200,000 for deposit for into the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Fund created in Code section 324A.6A (enacted in this Act).
- Section 17 Requires that appropriations from the Restricted Capitals Fund be used in a manner that does not adversely affect the tax-exempt bond status of any outstanding bonds issued by the Tobacco Settlement Authority.
- Section 18 Includes reversion language applicable to the Restricted Capitals Fund appropriations. Moneys appropriated from the Fund for FY 2007 remain available for the purposes designated until the close of FY 2010.

Section 19 Requires a state agency that receives an appropriation from the Restricted Capitals Fund for the preceding fiscal year to report to the Joint Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriation Subcommittee, the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Management, and the Legislative Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council concerning the status of all ongoing projects that received an appropriation from that Restricted Capitals Fund. Requires the report be submitted annually, on or before January 1 of each year, and states specific reporting requirements.

Division IX – Miscellaneous Code Changes

Section 33 Amends Code section 8.57, subsection 6, by adding new paragraph "h" to require a state agency that receives an appropriation from the RIIF for the preceding fiscal year to report to the Joint Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee, the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Management, and the Legislative Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council concerning the status of all ongoing projects that received an appropriation from the RIIF. Requires the report be submitted annually, on or before January 1 of each year, and states specific reporting requirements. Sections 34, 35 and 38 also require reporting requirements for appropriations received from various funds.

Sections 51, 52 and 53 Amend Code section 303.3C to allow the Iowa Great Places Board to identify up to six additional Iowa Great Places for participation under the program, require the DCA to cooperate with the Vision Iowa and Community Attraction and Tourism Programs to leverage and maximize moneys, and require the DCA to account for Restricted Capital Fund appropriations.

Section 54 Creates new Code section 303.3D that establishes the Iowa Great Places Program Fund under the authority of the DCA. Provides that moneys credited to the fund shall not revert.

Section 64

Requests the Legislative Council to establish a committee to study emergency services in the state during the 2006 legislative interim. The interim committee is directed to issue findings and make recommendations regarding the governance, structure, and funding of the state's emergency services and the training available in the state for emergency services providers for consideration during the 2007 legislative session.

Section 66

Subsection 2 provides that the sections of this Act amending Code sections 328.36, 452A.79, 452A.82, and 452A.84 and enacting Code sections 328.56 and 452A.79A, relating to a State Aviation Fund and a Marine Fuel Tax Fund, take effect July 1, 2007.