

Reports or Studies Required by the 82nd General Assembly, 2008 Session, Which Affect or are of Interest to the Department of Transportation

The following require the DOT to issue a report or conduct a study:

- HF 2196 Requires the DOT to study the acceptance of electronic payments at sites operated by county treasurers and customer service sites operated by the DOT. By December 31, 2008, the DOT must report its findings and recommendations to the Senate and House Standing Committees on Transportation regarding the advantages and disadvantages of implementing one or more electronic payment systems.
- SF 2420 Section 26 requires the DOT to conduct an analysis of additional revenues needed to provide at least \$200 million dollars annually to the TIME-21 Fund by FY 2012. The analysis must include the amount of excise tax levied on motor fuel and adjustments that might be made to various fees collected by the DOT. The DOT must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2008.
- Section 27 requires the DOT to cooperate with the Office of Energy Independence and the Department of Natural Resources to study public transit improvements needed to meet state energy independence goals and the needs of Iowa's growing senior population, including a review of current transit revenues and the sufficiency of those revenues to meet future needs. The DOT must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2009.
- SF 2432 Section 49 changes state agency reporting requirements associated with appropriations received from either the Restricted Capital Fund or the FY 2009 tax-exempt Restricted Capital Fund. The report is now due annually on or before January 15 to the Legislative Services Agency and Department of Management. The reporting requirements are also changed.

The following require the DOT to provide information or assist in the report or study:

- HF 2570 Relates to solid waste disposal and environmental management. Creates a Solid Waste Alternatives Program Advisory Council and Comprehensive Recycling Planning Task Force. The DOT Director or the director's designee is named a member of the Comprehensive Recycling Planning Task Force. This Task Force

will study and make recommendations for the planning and implementation of comprehensive statewide recycling programs, including an evaluation of the bottle bill. The Task Force will also make recommendations for reducing the amount of recyclable materials contained in the waste stream and for reducing litter. The Task Force must submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2009. The Task Force must complete its duties no later than January 1, 2009, but may complete its duties and dissolve itself prior to that date.

HF 2689 Section 44 requires the Office of Energy Independence to develop a renewable fuels marketing plan to promote the biofuel industry in Iowa. The plan is due to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 15, 2009. Section 45 requires the Office of Energy Independence to conduct a direct marketing campaign specifically targeted to owners of flexible fuel vehicles and diesel powered vehicles. Section 45 also requires the DOT to provide the Office of Energy Independence a list of the names and addresses of owners of flexible fuel vehicles and diesel powered vehicles including vehicles registered under Code sections 321.109, 321.121 and 321.122. This campaign is due by December 15, 2008. Sections 44 and 45 take effect upon enactment, May 12, 2008.

HF 2700 Section 23 relates to the salary model administrator and requires the DOT to provide salary data to the Department of Management and the Legislative Services Agency.

Section 26 adds a new subsection requiring that all grant applications and grant moneys received by a Department on behalf of the state be reported to the Office of Grants Enterprise Management. This office must submit to the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency by January 31 of each year a written report listing all grants received during the previous calendar year with a value over \$1,000 and the funding entity and purpose for each grant. Section 26 also requires the Office of Grants Enterprise Management to submit by July 1 and January 1 of each year a written report summarizing departmental compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

SF 2328 Relates to the Deer Depredation Management Program and establishes a Deer Study Advisory Committee. The DOT is listed as a member of the Advisory Committee. The Committee must complete its deliberations in December 2008, and submit a final report summarizing the Committee's activities, analyzing the issues studied and including any other information or recommendations that the Committee deems relevant and necessary to the Governor and General Assembly by January 10, 2009. This bill is effective upon enactment, April 8, 2008.

SF 2386 Section 1 establishes a Commission on Energy Efficiency Standards and Practices. The Commission is required to obtain input from the DOT and others. The Commission must submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2011, regarding its activities and recommendations. Section 8 requests

the Legislative Council to establish an interim study committee to examine the existence and effectiveness of energy efficiency plans and programs implemented by gas and electric public utilities and make recommendations for additional requirements applicable to energy efficient plans and programs that would improve such results. In conducting the study and developing recommendations, the interim committee shall consider testimony from state agencies involved with energy efficiency program administration and others. The interim committee shall issue a report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2009. This bill is effective upon enactment, May 6, 2008.

SF 2400 Section 30 moves the requirements concerning the Department of Administrative Services to provide several reports into a new Code section. Some of those reports include: total spending on technology, state purchases of recycled and soybean-based products, salary report, average fuel economy standards compliance, targeted small business, affirmative action, diversity and multicultural programs, educational leave, unpaid warrants, and Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy.

SF 2425 Section 146 requests that the Legislative Council establish a legislative interim study committee to conduct a comprehensive study of the ways in which mass transit might be employed to provide public transportation services among Iowa communities. The committee is encouraged to consult with the DOT and others. A written report of the committee's findings and recommendations are due to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2008.

The following are of interest to the DOT:

HF 2669 Relates to the collection and recycling of mercury-added thermostats. By January 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, the Department of Natural Resources must submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the collection and recycling of mercury-added thermostats in Iowa.

SF 517 Section 24 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to complete an annual report to assess the progress of state agencies in implementing energy management, improvements, alternative and renewable energy systems, life cycle costs analyses and the use of renewable fuels. DNR must work with state agencies in preparing the report. DNR must also provide an assessment of the economic and environmental impact of the progress made by state agencies related to energy management and alternative and renewable energy, along with recommendations on technological opportunities and policies necessary for continued improvement in these areas. This bill takes effect upon enactment, April 29, 2008.

SF 2308 The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee to assess and review the extent to which public officials, entities and affiliated

organizations in possession of or with access to personal identifying information of a resident of Iowa which could, if disclosed, render the resident vulnerable to identify theft, are disclosing or selling such information for compensation. Based upon this assessment and review, the committee shall develop recommendations relating to these practices. The committee must issue a report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2009.

SF 2321 Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to conduct a study relating to the recycling of mercury-containing lamps. The DNR must submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2009.

SF 2422 Relates to energy independence initiatives. The Iowa Climate Change Advisory Council is required to take nuclear power into consideration as part of its discussion of greenhouse gas reductions and shall incorporate that consideration into its proposal. The Council is required to submit an updated proposal by January 1, 2009. This bill is effective upon enactment, May 7, 2008.