

Reports or Studies Required by the 84th General Assembly, 2011 Session, that Affect or are of Interest to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

The following requires the DOT to issue a report:

SF 205 Section 31 concerns the "transit coordination report" and amends the requirements. The report is now required biennially (December 15 of even-numbered years) and must be submitted to the General Assembly and the governor. The detailed financial accounting is no longer required. The report shall recommend methods to increase transportation coordination and improve the efficiency of federal, state and local government programs used to finance public transit services and may address other topics as appropriate.

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

HF 45 Sections 41 to 46 concern the Taxpayer Transparency Act. The Department of Management (DOM) must create and maintain a searchable budget database and Internet site detailing where tax dollars are expended, the purposes for which tax dollars are expended and the results achieved for all taxpayer investments in state government. Section 44 requires each state agency to provide certain information for the searchable Internet site. Section 45 requires all agencies, effective July 1, 2013, provide the DOM director the data that is required to be updated on the Internet site not later than 60 days following the close of the state fiscal year.

SF 533 Section 109 concerns the state government purchasing effort responsibilities of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Directs DAS to require state agencies provide DAS with a report regarding planned purchases and to report efforts to standardize products and services within their own agencies and with other state agencies. This section is effective upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2011.

Section 113 requires each joint appropriations subcommittee of the General Assembly to examine and review on an annual basis the fees charged by state agencies under the purview of that joint appropriations subcommittee. This section is effective upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2011.

The following reports or studies are of interest to the DOT:

HF 45 Section 2 subjects departments to a limitation on expenditures made on or after the effective date of this section for office supplies, equipment purchases, office equipment, noninventory equipment, printing and binding, and marketing. The limitation is 50 percent of the unexpended or unencumbered amount that a

department has budgeted or otherwise designated for those purchases. For the period beginning on the effective date of this section through the close of FY 2011, out-of-state travel that is funded in whole or in part by an appropriation from a source other than federal funds shall not be authorized unless a waiver for the travel is approved by the Executive Council. Section 2 also requires the committees on appropriations of the Senate and House to recommend legislation applying a directive for the executive branch to implement a master marketing contract for state agencies that commences on or before July 1, 2011. Requires DOM to reduce the appropriations to departments as required by Section 2 and requires DOM to submit a report to the General Assembly and Legislative Services Agency itemizing the expenditure and appropriation reductions applied. Section 2 is effective upon enactment, March 7, 2011.

HF 646

Sections 3 and 44 concern the electronic online travel authorization form and the public access database. Section 3 requires DAS to develop a plan for converting the existing reimbursement process to a paperless process. The DAS must submit the plan to the Governor's Office by no later than January 1, 2012. This bill is effective upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2011.

Section 32 strikes Code section 8A.111(4), which required DAS to prepare an annual report on state purchases of recycled and soybean-based products. This bill is effective upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2011.

Section 34 strikes Code section 8A.315(1)(d), which required DAS to purchase acid-free permanent paper. This section is effective upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2011.

HF 648

Section 3, subsection 8, appropriates money from the Technology Investment Fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the statewide public safety radio network and purchase of compatible radio communications equipment. On or before January 13, 2012, DPS must provide a report to the Legislative Services Agency and DOM detailing the status of the funding and include the needs of the DPS, Department of Corrections and Department of Natural Resources to achieve operability and to meet the federal narrowbanding mandate. The report must also include any changes in estimated costs to those needs and the status of requests for proposals to develop a public-private partnership.

SF 533

Section 114 requires DAS, in consultation with DOM, to examine the process by which state agencies hire personnel with the goal of simplifying and reducing the steps needed. The DAS must provide information to the General Assembly and recommend any legislative action. This bill is effective upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2011.

Section 116 requires DAS to examine the possibility of merging all state payroll systems into the centralized payroll system operated by DAS. The DAS is required to consult with the DOT. The DAS must provide information to the joint

appropriations subcommittee on administrative and regulation concerning efforts by DAS to merge payroll systems and provide recommendations for legislative action. This bill is effective upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2011.