

Reports or Studies Required by the 80th General Assembly, 2003 Session, Which Affect the Department of Transportation

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

- HF 392 Requires that all state agencies include economic growth in their mission statements and annually submit their specific strategic plans and programs for economic growth to the Economic Development Board.
- HF 583 Adds a new section requiring a report disclosing costs of a reception held during session when every member of the General Assembly is invited. The report must be filed with the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief Clerk of the House and the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board within five business days following the reception.
- HF 636 Section 6 requires agencies to annually review the number of legal publications (Iowa Code, Iowa Court Rules, Iowa Administrative Code, etc.) received in the prior year to determine if the number of copies can be reduced. Agencies are required to submit this information in a report to the Legislative Services Agency.
- SF 97 Section 28 requires the DOT, in consultation with the Iowa County Treasurer's Association, to conduct a study of the county driver's license issuance program, including the financial effect the program has had on counties. The DOT must report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2003.
- SF 451 Section 7 adds a new section relating to the Street Construction Fund Distribution Advisory Committee. The committee shall be comprised of representatives appointed by the president of the Iowa section of the American Public Works Association, the president of the Iowa League of Cities and the DOT. The committee must recommend one or more alternative methodologies for distribution of moneys in the Street Construction Fund to the General Assembly by January 1, 2004.
- SF 458 Section 148 requires the DOT to conduct a study and prepare a report pertaining to administrative efficiencies that may be gained by the coordination of transit management and maintenance systems in the areas of school transportation, public transit and other forms of public transportation. The report is due to the General Assembly by December 31, 2003.

Section 152 requires that the DNR and the DOT in consultation with the Iowa

Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs develop a plan and legislation for an off-highway vehicle registration program and recreation area. The plan and proposed legislation must be submitted to the Legislative Services Agency and the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2004.

The following is of interest to the DOT:

- HF 534 Section 290 requires the Department of Administrative Services to do the following:
- Select a designated state service and conduct a pilot project to determine the feasibility of conducting managed competition and submit a report.
 - Determine how the designated state services of all executive branch agencies shall be delivered.
 - Submit a request for proposals for a managed competition for printing services unless more efficient results can be obtained.
 - Conduct a study of the impact of transferring all state agency employees delivering information technology services to the DAS and of the impact of physically merging the data centers.
 - May limit unified fleet management responsibilities to cars and small trucks. The fleet management operations are subject to a managed competition process unless more efficient results can be obtained.
- HF 604 Requires a financial information section be included in an annual report that a state agency is required to submit to the General Assembly.
- HF 683 Section 204 creates a Streamlined Sales Tax Advisory Council to review, study and submit recommendations regarding the proposed streamlined sales and use tax agreement and other issues.
- HF 692 Section 74 requires the Department of Revenue and Finance to initiate and coordinate a committee to study the current sales, services and use tax law. A report including the committee's recommendation is due to the General Assembly by January 1, 2004.
- Section 131 requires the Department of Economic Development coordinate all regulatory assistance for Iowa. Each state agency with regulatory programs for business must maintain a coordinator. The DED must submit a written report to the General Assembly regarding the provision of regulatory assistance by state agencies and its recommendations and proposed solutions to streamline the process of issuing permits to business.