

## **Reports or Studies Required by the 86<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 2015 Session, that Affect or are of Interest to the DOT**

### **The following requires the DOT to issue a report or conduct a study:**

- HF 651 Section 1, subsection 3, creates new Code section 29C.23 that requires the Iowa radio interoperability platform to be under the joint purview of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and DOT. Beginning July 1, 2016, the DPS and DOT must jointly submit a biannual report to the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board.
- SF 75 Section 5 requires the DOT to utilize existing staff and accident reporting systems to document the effectiveness of displaying blue and white lighting devices on equipment used by the DOT for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways. Requires the DOT to submit a report to the General Assembly containing the documentation before July 1, 2019.
- SF 257 Section 7 adds a new paragraph to Code section 452A.3 to require a legislative review at least every six years on the 10 cents per gallon increase to all variable tax rates for ethanol-blended fuels and gasoline and the variable tax rate for B-11 or certain diesel blends. The legislative review is to be based upon a fuel distribution percentage formula status report containing the recommendations of a legislative interim committee appointed to review the variable tax rate formulas with assistance from the Department of Revenue and in association with the DOT. Requires the first report to be submitted to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2020, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every sixth year thereafter.
- SF 257 Section 12, subsection 2, requires the DOT to identify the critical road and bridge construction projects funded with revenue produced as a result of the increase in the excise taxes on motor fuel and certain special fuel in the DOT's annual five-year Iowa Transportation Improvement Program report. Section 12, subsection 3, requires the DOT to identify \$10 million in efficiencies for FY 2016 and another \$10 million in efficiencies for FY 2017, in addition to the identification of any other efficiencies as required by law. The DOT will provide details of activities undertaken to implement these efficiencies in the annual "Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report."

### **The following reports are of interest to the DOT:**

- HF 655 Section 30 amends Code section 8B.9 to add a new subsection requiring the chief information officer to prepare an annual report on the status of broadband expansion and coordination.
- SF 510 Section 55 amends Code section 8A.111 to require the Department of Administrative Services to prepare an annual report on the administration and promotion of equal opportunity in state contracts and services. **Note:** Sections 54 and 56-58 eliminated the Department of Management's responsibilities for oversight of equal opportunity for state programs and affirmative action.