

Reports or Studies Required by the 86th General Assembly, 2016 Session, that Affect or are of Interest to the DOT

The following requires the DOT to issue a report.

HF2345 Sections 1 and 2 create new Iowa Code sections 307.32 and 309.22A requiring the DOT, in collaboration with the Iowa County Engineers Association, to compile the annual Secondary Roads Construction Program Report and the annual Secondary Roads Replacement and Repair of Structurally Deficient Bridges Report, received from counties, into a cumulative report to be electronically submitted annually on or before February 15 of each year to the chairpersons of the Senate and House of Representatives standing committees on transportation and the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). Also, requires on or before September 15 of each year, each county's county engineer to certify and file an annual report with the DOT on the replacement and repair of structurally deficient bridges detailing the manner in which moneys received by the county from the Road Use Tax Fund were used to replace or repair structurally deficient bridges in the county and requires certain criteria. **Note:** Iowa Code sections 307.32 and 309.22A are repealed June 30, 2019.

The following reports are of interest to the DOT.

SF2191 Section 1, paragraph 3h, requires the Department of Public Safety's Office to Combat Human Trafficking to submit a written report to the General Assembly regarding the office's activities related to combatting human trafficking and occurrences of human trafficking within the state by November 1, 2017, and annually thereafter.

SF2314 Section 2, subsection 3, requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) beginning on February 1, 2017, and annually on each February 1 during the term of the contract to provide third-party administrative services of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, to submit a report to the joint appropriations subcommittee on administration and regulation and the LSA. This annual report is required to include, but is not limited to, an analysis of cost savings to Iowa, if any, that have resulted from the use of such third-party administrative services; a comparisons of the use of and denial of leave requests prior to and during the contract period; and an analysis of appeals of denials of leave and the result of such appeals, prior to and during the contract period. Also requires DAS, within 60 days of the conclusion of the contract, to submit a final report to the General Assembly summarizing the content of the annual reports, including conclusions and recommendations concerning the use of such third-party administrative services.

The following study is of interest to the DOT.

HF2439 Section 3 requires the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) to conduct a study to determine how public safety answering points can be consolidated to achieve operational and cost efficiencies. The study is required to review the wire-line E911 Service Surcharge Fund and Emergency Communications Service Surcharge Fund to determine the most efficient method of distributing surcharge revenues to support a network of consolidated public safety answering points. The DHSEM is required to submit a report containing the results of the study no later than January 15, 2017.