

Comment Report

HSB 5

A bill for an act relating to unintentionally causing the death of a person by operating a motor vehicle at an excessive speed, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable.(See HF 753.)

Subcommittee Members: Thorup-CH, Gobble, Kressig

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Comment: Representative Thorup, Representative Gobble, and Representative KressigIowa law makes it extremely difficult to prosecute high rates of speed as reckless vehicular homicide when such conduct results in the death of another. Iowas reckless driving standard is higher than just about anywhere else in the country, at times leaving excessive speed resulting in the death of another as a simple misdemeanor traffic violation. According to NHTSA, speedrelated deaths increased 4% in 2016, while deaths caused by drunk drivers increased only 1.7%. The Iowa State Association of Counties has long supported enhancing penalties for those drivers that exceed the speed limit by 25 miles per hour or more that results in the death of another and is in strong support of HSB 5.Thank you for your consideration,Jamie CashmanIowa State Association of Counties