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[HF 2033](#) – State Roads to County Roads (LSB5292YH)  
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## **Description**

House File 2033 requires that, prior to a change in jurisdiction of a road or street from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to a county board of supervisors, the road or street be resurfaced by the DOT if the road or street has not been resurfaced within the previous five years. All bridges included in the transfer are required to pass inspection by the DOT in accordance with national bridge inspection standards. Current law requires political entities or subdivisions that elect to transfer roadways must reach an agreement between the two political subdivisions involved in the transfer (Iowa Code section [306.8\(2\)](#)).

## **Background**

Current law allows political subdivisions, including the DOT, to transfer jurisdiction of a roadway to another political subdivision under certain circumstances. Prior to a change in jurisdiction of a road or street, the political subdivision that initially manages the roadway must place the roadway and structures in good repair or reach an agreement to transfer an amount sufficient to repair the roadway and structures.

During the last 10 years, the DOT has transferred jurisdiction of 16.11 miles to counties. The total payments made by the DOT to counties was \$19.9 million, or about \$1.9 million per 1.5 miles.

## **Assumptions**

- The Department assumes that 1.5 miles of roadway will be transferred from the DOT to counties per year.
- The DOT estimates an expense of \$600,000 for every 1.5 miles that are resurfaced. Resurfacing projects are funded by the Primary Road Fund. The DOT assumes that bridges that may be transferred will not require work.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact of [HF 2033](#) will depend on future agreements reached between the DOT and individual counties. Repaving costs under the Bill may increase by an average of \$600,000 annually, but these expenses could be offset if payments made to counties for jurisdiction transfers decrease.

**Sources**

Iowa Department of Transportation  
Iowa Legislative Services Agency

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