

House File 2260 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the proposal of rural four-lane bypasses by
2 the department of transportation to the state transportation
3 commission.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 307.12, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Assist the commission in developing state transportation
4 policy and a state transportation plan. If the director
5 proposes to the commission the construction of a four-lane
6 bypass around a municipality with a population of ten thousand
7 or less, the director shall first conduct a public hearing in
8 the municipality around which the proposed bypass is to be
9 constructed. Any four-lane bypass proposed by the director
10 to the commission must provide access or interchanges to the
11 municipality consistent with access or interchanges to other
12 municipalities along the same route, allow for sufficient
13 emergency medical services access to the municipality, and
14 preserve or maintain rural road crossings where possible.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Under current law, the director of the department of
19 transportation is required to assist the state transportation
20 commission (STC) in developing state transportation policy and
21 a state transportation plan. This bill requires that if the
22 director proposes to the STC the construction of a four-lane
23 bypass around a municipality with a population of 10,000 or
24 less, the director must first conduct a public hearing in
25 the municipality around which the proposed bypass is to be
26 constructed. Any four-lane bypass proposed by the director
27 to the STC must also provide access or interchanges to the
28 municipality consistent with access or interchanges to other
29 municipalities along the same route, allow for sufficient
30 emergency medical services access to the municipality, and
31 preserve or maintain rural road crossings where possible.