

**House Study Bill 592 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON BLOOMINGDALE)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the definition of public improvement for  
2 purposes of public construction bidding.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 26.2, subsection 3, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraph (5), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 (5) Construction, equipment, or repair or maintenance work  
4 acquired by or performed for a city utility under chapter  
5 388 when such construction or work is performed by its  
6 employees or when such work relates to, or such construction,  
7 equipment, or work relates to an electric generation or  
8 transmission project, existing utility infrastructure, or  
9 establishing connections to existing utility infrastructure. For  
10 purposes of this subparagraph, "utility infrastructure" includes  
11 facilities used for the storage, collection, disposal, treatment,  
12 generation, transmission, or distribution of water, sewage,  
13 waste, electricity, gas, or telecommunications service.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill revises the definition of "public improvement" for  
18 purposes of Code chapter 26 (public construction bidding) to  
19 exclude equipment acquired by a city utility when the equipment  
20 relates to an electric generation or transmission project,  
21 existing utility infrastructure, or establishing connections to  
22 existing utility infrastructure. The bill also excludes from the  
23 definition construction or repair or maintenance work performed  
24 for a city utility when the construction or work is related to an  
25 electric generation or transmission project.

26 By operation of law, the bill affects the term "public  
27 improvement" as used in Code chapter 26A (guaranteed maximum  
28 price contracts) and in Code sections 8.46 (lease-purchase  
29 reporting); 260C.38 (community college lease-purchase contracts);  
30 278.1 (school district lease-purchase contracts); 297.7  
31 (construction, renovation, and repair of school buildings);  
32 298.3 (school district levy revenue); 331.341 (county board of  
33 supervisors contracts); 364.4 (city lease-purchase contracts);  
34 and 384.20 (city finance accounts).