

**Senate File 489 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 489  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1139)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the department of transportation to ensure equal  
2 representation for the development of statewide urban design  
3 specifications.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 307.22, Code 2025, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Ensure equal representation between  
4 governmental and nongovernmental entities in developing statewide  
5 urban design specifications.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT)  
10 is responsible for, among other things, certain planning  
11 and programming activities. These responsibilities include  
12 planning all modes of transportation to develop an integrated  
13 transportation system that provides adequate transportation  
14 services for all Iowans; developing and maintaining statistical  
15 data; establishing, analyzing, and evaluating alternative  
16 transportation policies; coordinating planning efforts across the  
17 DOT's divisions; annually reporting on the condition and details  
18 of nonprimary highways; and studying and developing highway  
19 transport economics to ensure the availability and productivity  
20 of highway transport services.

21 This bill adds to the DOT's planning and programming  
22 responsibilities a requirement to ensure equal representation  
23 between governmental and nongovernmental entities in developing  
24 statewide urban design specifications.