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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 744)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 4, 2026)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to project design standards and specifications,  
2 including by providing for a statewide urban design and  
3 specifications board and requiring certain reports to city  
4 councils regarding noncompliant projects.

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

1 Section 1. Section 307.22, Code 2026, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Ensure planning and programming  
4 activities comply with the statewide urban design standards  
5 and specifications developed by the statewide urban design and  
6 specifications board pursuant to section 307.22A.

7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **307.22A Statewide urban design and**  
8 **specifications board.**

9 1. The department shall coordinate with the institute for  
10 transportation at the Iowa state university of science and  
11 technology to oversee a statewide urban design and specifications  
12 board that is responsible for developing the statewide urban  
13 design standards and specifications. The board shall publish a  
14 design manual and a specifications manual on an internet site of  
15 the Iowa state university of science and technology.

16 2. The statewide urban design and specifications board shall  
17 consist of the following members:

18 a. Three employees of the department appointed by the  
19 director.

20 b. Two members appointed by the American council of  
21 engineering companies.

22 c. One member appointed by the Iowa state association of  
23 counties.

24 d. One member appointed by the Iowa league of cities.

25 e. One member appointed by the home builders association of  
26 Iowa.

27 f. One member appointed by the associated general contractors  
28 of Iowa.

29 g. One member appointed by the master builders of Iowa.

30 h. One member appointed by the asphalt association of Iowa.

31 i. One member appointed by the Iowa real estate developers  
32 association.

33 j. One member appointed by the Iowa concrete paving  
34 association.

35 k. One member appointed by the associated builders and

1 contractors of Iowa.

2 7. One member appointed by the Iowa state building and  
3 construction trades council.

4 3. Each member of the board appointed by the director,  
5 the American council of engineering companies, the Iowa state  
6 association of counties, or the Iowa league of cities must be a  
7 professional engineer licensed under chapter 542B.

8 4. The regular term of appointment is four years. A vacancy  
9 shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same  
10 manner as the original appointment.

11 5. Members of the board shall serve without compensation from  
12 the state and are not eligible to receive reimbursement for  
13 expenses using state moneys. However, state employees serving  
14 on the board shall receive their regular compensation for board  
15 duties performed during the hours the person regularly performs  
16 work for the state.

17 6. The statewide urban design and specifications board shall  
18 publish on the Iowa state university of science and technology's  
19 internet site an analysis of any changes made to the statewide  
20 urban design and specifications manuals and provide an estimate  
21 of expected cost variations that are likely be incurred, if any,  
22 by implementing the changes.

23 7. The board is not subject to section 4A.5.

24 Sec. 3. Section 364.3, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
25 following new subsection:

26 NEW SUBSECTION. 24. a. Prior to a city council approving  
27 a city street project that does not match the department of  
28 transportation's design standards and specifications, the person  
29 responsible for managing the project shall submit a report to the  
30 city council describing the costs for the project that will be  
31 incurred as a result of the project not matching the department  
32 of transportation's design standards and specifications.

33 b. A city shall not modify the approved project design  
34 standards and specifications after a project has begun.