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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 *k.* One member appointed by the associated builders and
2 contractors of Iowa.

3 1. One member appointed by the Iowa state building and
4 construction trades council.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 *b.* A city shall not modify the approved project design

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1 standards and specifications after a project has begun.