

Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund Bill House File 2741

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Executive Summary Only

An Act establishing a scenic byways enhancement fund, including by providing for voluntary contributions to the fund, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

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SCENIC BYWAYS ENHANCEMENT FUND**NEW PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ACTIVITIES**

Establishes a Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund under the control of the Department of Transportation (DOT). The Fund will consist of voluntary contributions and any other appropriations. The moneys will be used by the DOT for the support, development, maintenance, and enhancement of scenic byways in the State.

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FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Requires either the county treasurer or the DOT to request a voluntary contribution of \$1 or more to the Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund during a vehicle registration renewal. The county treasurer may retain up to 5.0% of the moneys collected and deposit the moneys in the county general fund. The DOT will adopt administrative rules to administer this section of the Bill.

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BACKGROUND:

Under Iowa Code section [321.44A](#), applicants for vehicle registration or renewal can make a voluntary contribution of \$1 or more to the Anatomical Gift Public Awareness and Transplantation Fund established in Iowa Code section [142C.15](#). Counties may retain up to 5.0% of the moneys collected by the county. In calendar year 2025, moneys collected in this Fund totaled approximately \$130,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If contributions made to the Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund mirror those made to the Anatomical Gift Public Awareness and Transportation Fund, the Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund would be expected to collect approximately \$130,000 in revenue in FY 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter. County general funds in the aggregate would receive an increase of approximately \$7,000 in FY 2027 and each year thereafter.

STUDIES AND INTENT

Nonreversion

Moneys in the Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund will not revert but remain available in the Fund. Interest or earnings on moneys in the Fund will be retained in the Fund.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Specifies that this Bill takes effect on January 1, 2027.