

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 1025	House Appropriations:	PASSED 24-0 (4/16/25)
Committee:	Appropriations	House Floor:	PASSED 90-2 (4/22/25)
Floor Manager	Rep. Jacob Bossman	Senate Floor:	PASSED 50-0 (5/12/25)
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Turning Highway 5/65 into an Interstate Highway

House File 1025 would authorize the Department of Transportation and the State Transportation Commission to pursue designating the section of Highway 5/65 running from Altoona to rural West Des Moines as an interstate highway if certain conditions are permitted.

The bill would allow this if the federal government were to allow implements of husbandry to utilize this stretch of road when designated as an interstate highway. Current federal rules for interstate highways require traffic to travel at least 40 miles per hour.

Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 1 – NEW SECTION - Interstate Road Designation – prohibition - Iowa Code section 314.16A:

The new Code section prohibits the Iowa Department of Transportation from pursuing interstate designation for the segment of highway 5 and 65 between interstate 35 and interstate 80 without federal exemptions to allow vehicles currently using this stretch of highway to continue using it if it becomes an interstate.

Section 2 – Iowa Code section 321.285 (5) (e):

The section allows implements of husbandry to operate on the specified highway segment of Highway 5 and 65 until an alternative route is developed. The section also clarifies that implements of husbandry may continue to operate on the highway segment even if it becomes part of the interstate system.

Section 3 – ALTERNATIVE HIGHWAY STUDY – APPROPRIATION:

The section directs the Department of Transportation to collaborate with the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization on a study of the alternative highway route suitable for implements of husbandry.

Section 4 – APPLICABILITY:

The section makes the bill apply to the specified segment of Highway 5 and 65, regardless of future changes in highway designation.

AMENDMENTS