

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 345	House Transportation: PASSED 20-0 (2/1/2023)
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Staff:	Brad Trow (1-3471)	Governor:

Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund

- House File 345 provides the option to lowans when renewing their title registration to donate \$1 or more to the Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund. Iowa has fourteen Scenic Byways that currently receive \$500,000 annually through the Transportation Commission for corridor management, signs, and marketing.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 307.50) – Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund

This section establishes a fund within the state treasurer that is under the control of the DOT for the support, development, maintenance, and enhancement, including but not limited to litter prevention, of the scenic byways in Iowa. These funds shall not revert and any earnings or interest shall remain in the fund.

Section 2 (Iowa Code 321.44B) – Voluntary Contribution – Amount Retained by County Treasurer

This section requires the DOT and county treasurers to request that an applicant for registration renewal make a voluntary contribution of one dollar or more to the scenic byways enhancement fund. All moneys must be deposited in the fund with the state treasurer, but 5% of the moneys may be retained by the county treasurer to be deposited in their county general fund.

This section requires the DOT to write rules.

Section 3 (Iowa Code 331.557)

Adds collection of voluntary contributions to the list of duties of county treasurers.

Section 4 – Effective Date – January 1, 2024