

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	Senate File 527	House Committee:	PASSED 19-2 (3/30/2023)
Committee:	Transportation	House Floor:	PASSED 98-0 (4/11/2023)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Brent Siegrist	Senate Floor:	PASSED 49-0 (4/24/2023)
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All-Systems Permit Amendments

- Previous general assemblies established an all-systems permits for vehicles of excessive size or weight to be authorized to travel on Iowa roads. The permits are issued by the Department of Transportation and allow travel on all state roads, other than interstate highways and those streets or highways that a local government has told the Department that the permit is not valid.
- Senate File 527 updates this to clarify the process by which local governments will provide this notification to DOT. The bill also clarifies that any paved farm to market road or a street or highway that is designated as a truck route is subject to the all-systems permit and cannot be restricted by the local government.
- Senate File 527 also removes the requirement that overweight loads must display warning lights based on the vehicle's weight.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – [Iowa Code Section 321E.3 (1) (b)]:

The section clarifies the process by which local governments will notify the Department of Transportation of the streets and highways in its jurisdiction where travel by a vehicle with an all-systems permit are not allowed to travel. The local government must provide written notice to the Department, and shall also include a written justification report as to why they will not allow travel on those roads.

Section 2 – Iowa Code Section 321E.24:

The section removes the requirement that overweight loads to display warning lights because of the overweight status.

Section 3 – Permits – County Authorization and Indication to Department of Transportation:

The section amends legislation passed last year to clarify that any paved farm to market road or a street or highway that is designated as a truck route is subject to the all-systems permit and cannot be restricted by the local government.