



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2793	House Transportation: PASSED 19-1 (3/5/25)
Committee:	Transportation/Appropriations	House Appropriations: PASSED 23-0 (4/29/26)
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Railway Tracks Overpass & Underpass Fund

- Under Iowa Code section 364.8, cities currently have the power to require a railway company operating railroad tracks on or through a city street to build and maintain an overpass or underpass. A city also has the power to set the specifications for the overpass or underpass. DOT must approve this and determine if it is necessary for public safety and convenience. While the railway builds the overpass or underpass, the city is responsible for 50% of the costs of maintenance.
- Counties do not have similar authority under Iowa Code for secondary roads.
- House File 2793 would create a new grant program within DOT to help cities and counties with the costs of constructing new railway overpasses and underpasses.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – NEW SECTION - [Iowa Code Section 307.19] – Railway tracks overpass and underpass fund:

The section creates a new grant fund within the Iowa Department of Transportation to assist cities and counties with the construction of highway overpasses and underpasses across railway tracks. Money deposited in the new fund will not revert and any interest earned on the fund will remain with the fund.