HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WYOMING STATE LEGISLATURE

Message No. 323

CONCURRENCE REQUESTED

Mr. President: February 20, 2025

S.F. No. 0032 Unpaved roads speed limits-amendments.

The Senate File listed above passed on third reading in an amended form as follows by the vote indicated.

SF0032HS001/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 3 Delete entirely.

Page 1-line 4 Delete "maximum speed limit" and insert "as specified".

Page 2-line 11 Delete "establishes" and insert "decreases".

Page 2-line 15 Delete "establish a" and insert "decrease the".

Page 2-line 16 Delete "of not more than fifty-five (55) miles per hour".

Page 2-line 19 After "limit." insert "A local authority may increase the maximum speed limit to not more than fifty-five (55) miles per hour for unpaved roadways under W.S. 31-5-301(b)(iv) if the local authority conducts a speed study in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department or if the local authority holds a public hearing in accordance with W.S. 16-4-401 through 16-4-408.".

SF0032HW004/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 9 Delete "a".

Page 1-line 10 Delete "subsection" and insert "subsections"; after "(f)" insert "and (g)".

Page 2-lines 15 through 19 Delete entirely, including the House standing committee amendment (SF0032HS001/AE) and the Allemand committee of the whole amendment (SF0032HW003/AE) to these lines, and insert the following and renumber as necessary:

"(f) A local authority, by resolution or ordinance at a regular meeting, may decrease a maximum speed limit specified in W.S. 31-5-301(b)(iv) to forty-five (45) miles per hour for an unpaved roadway within its jurisdiction without first conducting a speed study, subject to the following conditions:

(i) Before implementing a speed reduction under this subsection, the local authority shall consult with:

(A) The local authority's engineer or road and bridge superintendent; and

(B) The law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the roadway.

(ii) The local authority shall post the decreased speed limit upon appropriate fixed or variable signs.

(g) Notwithstanding subsection (f) of this section, a local authority, by resolution or ordinance at a regular meeting, may temporarily establish a maximum speed limit lower than the limit specified in section 31-5-301(b)(iv) for an unpaved roadway within its jurisdiction without first conducting a speed study, subject to the following conditions:

(i) Before implementing a temporary speed reduction, the local authority shall consult with:

(A) The local authority's engineer or road and bridge superintendent; and

(B) The law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the roadway.

(ii) The local authority shall post the decreased speed limit upon appropriate fixed or variable signs;

(iii) In conjunction with establishing a temporary speed limit, the local authority shall:

(A) Initiate a speed study to evaluate the appropriate long-term speed limit; and

(B) Conduct traffic speed data collection before implementing the temporary change to maintain data accuracy.

(iv) A temporary speed limit reduction under this subsection shall not exceed thirty (30) days past completion of a speed study required by paragraph (iii) of this subsection, provided that:

(A) The length of a speed study conducted by the local authority's engineer or a private contractor shall not exceed ninety (90) days;

(B) A speed study conducted by the University of Wyoming technology transfer center shall not exceed twelve (12) months.

(v) After the speed study required by paragraph (iii) of this subsection is completed, the local authority shall take action to establish a long-term speed limit;

(vi) This subsection shall not grant power to a local authority to declare countywide maximum speed limits but shall grant power to declare maximum speed limits for the public safety in localized geographic areas.".

Ayes 48 Noes 13 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflict 0

The House respectfully asks the Senate to concur by adopting the listed amendments.

Sincerely,

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