



SF0032

Unpaved roads speed limits-amendments.

Sponsored By: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs
Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to speed limits; authorizing local authorities to set maximum speed limits on unpaved roadways without first conducting a speed study or justifying the maximum speed limit; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

12/9/2024 Bill Number Assigned
12/19/2024 S Received for Introduction
1/15/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S08 - Transportation
1/16/2025 S08 - Transportation:Recommend Do Pass 4-1-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Cooper, Kolb, Pappas
Nays: Senator Brennan
Ayes 4 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/16/2025 S Placed on General File
1/16/2025 S COW:Passed
1/17/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed
1/20/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 23-4-4-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Boner, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith
Nays: Senator(s) Brennan, Gierau, Ide, Rothfuss
Excused: Senator(s) Biteman, Jones, Kolb, Steinmetz
Ayes 23 **Nays** 4 **Excused** 4 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/22/2025 H Received for Introduction
2/10/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H08 - Transportation
2/11/2025 H08 - Transportation:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 6-3-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Banks, Brown, Larsen, Nicholas, Posey, Tarver
Nays: Representative(s) Geringer, Mccann, Wylie
Ayes 6 **Nays** 3 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/11/2025 H Placed on General File

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.". BROWN, L, CHAIRMAN

SF0032HW001/WITHDRAWN

SF0032HW002/FAILED

Page 2-line 19

In the House standing committee amendment (SF0032HS001/A) to this line, after "16-4-408." insert "This subsection shall not apply to privately owned roadways.". ALLEMAND

2/13/2025 H COW:Failed 24-34-4-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Andrew, Bratten, Brown, L, Byron, Chestek, Connolly, Heiner, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Neiman, Nicholas, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Strock, Tarver, Webb, Williams, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Brady, Brown, G, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Clouston, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Harshman, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Ottman, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith, Storer, Styvar, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webber, Wharff, Winter, Wylie

Excused: Representative(s) Banks, Eklund, Haroldson, Riggins

Ayes 24 Nays 34 Excused 4 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/13/2025 H COW:H Pursuant to HR 11-5 Rejected the CoW Report for SF0032 20-37-5-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Brady, Brown, G, Campbell, K, Geringer, Guggenmos, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Larson, Lucas, Mccann, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Webb, Webber, Winter

Nays: Representative(s) Angelos, Bear, Bratten, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Haroldson, Harshman, Jarvis, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Storer, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Wharff, Williams, Yin

Excused: Representative(s) Banks, Eklund, Nicholas, Riggins, Wylie

Ayes 20 Nays 37 Excused 5 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/13/2025 H Placed on General File

SF0032HW003/FAILED

Page 2-line 19

In the House standing committee amendment (SF0032HS001/A) to this line, after "16-4-408." insert "This subsection shall not apply to privately owned roadways.". ALLEMAND

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.". GERINGER

2/18/2025 H COW:Passed
2/19/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed
2/20/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 48-13-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Angelos, Banks, Bear, Bratten, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Jarvis, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Locke, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Wharff, Williams, Wylie, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Brady, Brown, G, Guggenmos, Hoeft, Johnson, Lien, Lucas, Singh, Smith, Webber, Winter

Excused: Representative Riggins

Ayes 48 **Nays** 13 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/20/2025 S Received for Concurrence
2/21/2025 S Concur:Failed 1-30-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator Pappas

Nays: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz

Ayes 1 **Nays** 30 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/21/2025 S Appointed JCC01 Members
Senator(s) Pappas, Kolb, Rothfuss
2/21/2025 H Appointed JCC01 Members
Representative(s) Geringer, Nicholas, Singh
2/25/2025 S Did Not Adopt SF0032JC001: 9-22-0-0-0

SF0032JC001/SFAILED

Delete the following House amendments:
SF0032HS001/A
SF0032HW004/A

Further amend the copy as follows:

Page 2-line 15 Delete "establish" and insert "permanently or temporarily decrease".

Page 2-line 16 Delete "of not more than fifty-five (55)" and insert "to not less than thirty-five (35)". GERINGER, NICHOLAS, SINGH, PAPPAS, KOLB, ROTHFUSS

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Boner, Case, Gierau, Kolb, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler, Scott

Nays: Senator(s) Barlow, Biteman, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Salazar, Smith, Steinmetz

Ayes 9 Nays 22 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/26/2025 Pursuant to JR 2-1(c):S Appointed JCC02 Members
Senator(s) Pappas, Kolb, Rothfuss

2/26/2025 Pursuant to JR 2-1(c): H Appointed JCC02 Members
Representative(s) Geringer, Nicholas, Singh

3/4/2025 S Adopted SF0032JC002: 22-9-0-0-0

SF0032JC002/SADOPTEDHADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the following House amendments:

SF0032HS001/A

SF0032HW004/A

Further amend the copy as follows:

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

Page 2-line 16 Delete "of not more than fifty-five (55)" and insert "to not less than thirty-five (35)".

Page 2-line 18 After "study" insert "." and delete balance of line.

Page 2-line 19 Delete "maximum speed limit." and insert "A local authority may establish a temporary speed limit of less than thirty-five (35) miles per hour without conducting a speed study and for a period not exceeding one (1) year for purposes including, but not limited to, construction, maintenance, special events, emergency situations and changes in use. Before establishing a temporary speed limit of less than thirty-five (35) miles per hour, the local authority shall consult with the local authority's engineer or road and bridge superintendent and law enforcement with jurisdiction over the roadway.".
PAPPAS, KOLB, ROTHFUSS, GERINGER, NICHOLAS, SINGH

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Barlow, Biteman, French, Ide, Laursen, Mckeown, Pearson, Salazar, Smith
Ayes 22 **Nays** 9 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/4/2025 H Adopted SF0032JC002: 46-13-3-0-0

SF0032JC002/SADOPTEDHADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the following House amendments:

SF0032HS001/A
SF0032HW004/A

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PAPPAS, KOLB, ROTHFUSS, GERINGER, NICHOLAS, SINGH

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Bratten, Brown, G, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Jarvis, Kelly, Knapp, Larson, Lawley, Locke, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Wharff, Williams, Wylie, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Brady, Campbell, K, Guggenmos, Hoeft, Johnson, Larsen, Lien, Ottman, Riggins, Smith, Webber, Winter

Excused: Representative(s) Brown, L, Byron, Lucas

Ayes 46 **Nays** 13 **Excused** 3 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/4/2025 Assigned Number SEA No. 0081
3/4/2025 S President Signed SEA No. 0081
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