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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2011 Assembly Bill 518</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
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Under *current law*, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must develop, implement, and administer the scenic byways program. The scenic byways program is meant to designate highways that have outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, or archaeological qualities. Current law has been interpreted to limit the possibility of designating a highway as a scenic byway to state trunk highways. Local highways have been excluded from the possibility of receiving the scenic byways designation (i.e., county and municipal highways).

*2011 Assembly Bill 518* provides that DOT shall develop a plan to designate state trunk highways *and* local highways that have certain outstanding characteristics as scenic byways.

*Assembly Amendment 1* provides that the authority with jurisdiction over a highway, for maintenance purposes, has exclusive authority to erect signs designating a highway as a scenic byway, and shall bear all expense in connection with the erection and maintenance of the signs.

### Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Billings. On February 14, 2012, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of Assembly Bill 518, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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