

# Bill to study I-80 tolling advances

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. - A bill that would allow the Wyoming Department of Transportation to study the idea of imposing tolls on motorists using Interstate 80 has cleared its second committee.

The Senate Appropriations Committee voted Monday to recommend approval of Senate File 35. The bill last week cleared the Senate transportation committee.

The bill would direct WyDOT to draft a study on collecting tolls on I-80, which cuts east-west across southern Wyoming.

Officials say the study could take two years to complete and the Legislature would have to approve it before any tolling could start.

WyDOT officials say about 90 percent of the 13,000 vehicles using I-80 daily aren't from Wyoming and say the highway will deteriorate without increased funding.