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Roads has used as their policy, that you don't post them on their sign, you post them on another sign in the right of way, in order to accomplish the current rules. And so this would provide that flexibility, but it would also allow them the ability to post it on an existing sign that is currently in the right of way.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But under current law, local authorities don't have the authority to maintain a road sign in the highway right of way?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Not unless they go under the elaborate process outlined by the Department of Roads currently, and meeting the 2012 law that...the 2012 federal standard that actually is not binding us at this point, because most of the counties have the four-inch signs instead of the six-inch signs, which is what the federal law will require in 2012. This simply allows the counties to do it now and then to be able to budget and to figure out a way to comply with the federal law by 2012.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, if you're...I'm trying to think of how this would apply in an urban setting, because we have some state highways that go through the middle of town, for example.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I'm trying to think of how the second sentence would apply. That would give authority to the city of Lincoln, for example, with regard to 0 Street. That would give them the authority to put a road name sign...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: It simply...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...at every block?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Maybe your street sign...I think you probably already have those, Senator Beutler.