

## Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

<b>Department Name:</b>	Department of Administrative Services	<b>Date:</b>	August 29, 2025	<b>Total Rule Count:</b>	7
<b>IAC #:</b>	671	<b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b>	5	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	8A.608 8A.609(1)"h"
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**What is the intended benefit of the rule?**

This chapter provided procedures for access to records held in temporary custody at a Records Center managed by the commission and the State Archives and Records Program.

**Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.**

The benefits are no longer being achieved because from 2018-2020 the State Archives and Records Program worked with agencies to empty the records center. It was closed in June 2020.

**What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?**

There are no costs.

**What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?**

There were no costs to agencies, but the annual cost to the State Archives and Records program between staff, rent, and administrative costs was approximately \$400,000.

**Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.**

No. A 2017 analysis of records found that more than 80% of the records in the records center were either beyond their scheduled retention or were scheduled too long. The commission and the State Archives and Records Program worked with agencies over three years to make required changes.

**Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☐ YES ☒ NO**

**If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.**

Many states closed their records centers from 2010-2020 for the same reasons Iowa did.

**Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]**

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This chapter is unnecessary because it covers records temporarily kept at the state records center which was closed in 2020.

**RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):**

Rescind chapter 5

671—5.1

5.2

5.3

5.4

5.5

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5.7

**RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):**

None.

***\*For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

**METRICS**

<b>Total number of rules repealed:</b>	7
<b>Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation</b>	889
<b>Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation</b>	12

**ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?**

No.