

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

Department Name:	Department of Administrative Services	Date:	August 29, 2025	Total Rule Count:	5
IAC #:	671	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	6	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	8A.608 8A.609(1)“h”
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

This chapter set out rules for the destruction of temporary records that were kept in the state’s records center.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

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?

None.

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.

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 a three year period 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 to 2020 for the 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Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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 destruction of records temporarily kept at the State Records Center which closed in 2020.

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

Rescind chapter 6

671—6.1

6.2

6.3

6.4

6.5

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

Total number of rules repealed:	5
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	816
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	14

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

No.