

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

<b>Department Name:</b>	Iowa Public Information Board	<b>Date:</b>	April 17, 2025	<b>Total Rule Count:</b>	4
<b>IAC #:</b>	497	<b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b>	2	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	23
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### What is the intended benefit of the rule?

This proposed rulemaking includes revisions to administrative rules based on the requirements of Executive Order Number Ten. Chapter 2 establishes the processes and procedures for the Iowa Public Information Board's complaint process. Chapter 2 has been rescinded and redrafted to align with Iowa Code Chapter 23. The current Chapter 2 does not follow the process provided within the enabling statute.

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

Yes, the benefit is being achieved. The Iowa Public Information Board successfully operates pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 23 and processes numerous complaints every year. In 2024, the Iowa Public Information Board successfully processed 131 complaints. This work is completed in addition to providing training, education, and advisory opinions. The Iowa Public Information Board currently has three staff members.

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

There are no costs incurred by the public to comply with this rule. All services provided by the Iowa Public Information Board are provided to citizens with no charge. The Iowa Public Information Board is designed to be a free and easily accessible way for citizens to raise and resolve complaints against government bodies related to transparency.

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

There are no costs to the agency or any other agency to implement or enforce this rule. Addressing complaints is the primary role of the Iowa Public Information Board.

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

As indicated above, there are no costs associated with this rule.

### 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.

The responsibility to address complaints is required by Iowa law – there are no less restrictive alternatives.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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Rule 2.2 will include definitions that are duplicative of definitions in Iowa Code. They are included for ease of use. Iowa Code Chapter 23.7 states that the board shall adopt rules providing for the timing, form, content, and means by which any aggrieved person, any taxpayer or citizen of this state, the attorney general, or any county attorney may file a complaint with the board alleging a violation of Chapter 21 or 22. There may be occasional phrases from law that are duplicative in sections of rule.

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

497 – Rule 2.1 - 2.4

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

No rules in Chapter 2 were re-promulgated. All rules in Chapter 2 were drafted to align with existing law.

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

**METRICS**

<b>Total number of rules repealed:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation</b>	<b>No reduction</b>
<b>Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation</b>	<b>17</b>

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

N/A