

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Fees for Public Records Requests

- Requires the legal custodians of public records to make every reasonable effort to not have a cost beyond the copying costs to produce the requested documents.
- The requester may contest the reasonableness of the expense to produce the public records.
- Cost for legal services shall only be used for the redaction or review of legally protected confidential information.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Supervision — fees (Iowa Code 22.3)

Amends Iowa Code that payment for a public records request is reasonable and the custodian of public records shall make every reasonable effort to provide the records at no cost besides the cost of copying for a record that takes less than 30 minutes to produce.

If expenses are necessary to produce the records the expense shall be communicated to the requester, who may contest the reasonableness of the expenses.

Costs for legal services shall only be used for the redaction or review of legally confidential information.