

CIVIL RIGHTS, OFFICE OF[161]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to contested cases and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Iowa Office of Civil Rights hereby proposes to adopt new Chapter 2506, “Contested Cases,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 216.5(14).

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2463.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking modifies the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure related to contested cases (7—Chapter 2506) to ensure that claims governed by Iowa Code chapter 216 (Iowa Civil Rights Act) specify the correct administrative appellate body.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Office for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 161—Chapter 15.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 14, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rulemaking may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Emergency Rulemaking Adopted by Reference

This proposed rulemaking is also published herein as an Adopted and Filed Emergency rulemaking (see **ARC 0377D**, IAB 6/24/26). The purpose of this Notice of Intended Action is to solicit public comment on that emergency rulemaking, whose subject matter is hereby adopted by reference.