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CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE[129]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 129—Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 "Information Technology Governance; Procurement of Information Technology; Broadband Infrastructure—Targeted Service Areas; Broadband Infrastructure—Project Certification; Broadband Grant Program"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 8 and 17A
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code chapters 8 and 17A

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

August 31, 2026 9 a.m.	Room G14 1007 East Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Management (DOM) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is now consolidated into the DOM. Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22, concerning governance of information technology, procurement of information technology, and the Broadband Grant Program, are no longer necessary and can be rescinded. Replacement rules will be drafted to the extent required by law. In addition, the DOM intends to implement agency policy to address numerous issues addressed by these rules.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable. Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 are being rescinded in their entirety.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Rescission of Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 simplifies the rules and reduces guidance to only what is necessary. Generally speaking, the Broadband Grant Program rules in place today mostly repeat the statutory text. One rule concerning broadband mapping is to be included in the DOM chapter of rules. The DOM intends to address procurement and information technology governance through agency policy.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

Not applicable. This proposed rulemaking solely rescinds Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 now that the OCIO is consolidated under the DOM.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

Rescission of Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 simplifies the existing rules for the agency and removes all included restrictive words and phrases from the rules, which should provide those who access the rules a better qualitative experience.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

There will be no implementation or enforcement costs because Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 are being rescinded.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

To the extent consolidation of the OCIO into the DOM increases efficiency and reduces redundancies, State revenues will be positively affected by rescission of Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

Inaction is not permissible because Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 are defunct and should be rescinded now that the OCIO is consolidated within the DOM. Rescinding those chapters is a necessary step in maintaining current and easily accessible rules.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

No less costly methods exist than rescinding the defunct rules and eliminating outdated, unnecessary text from the rules.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

Not applicable. Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 are largely defunct and should be rescinded.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

No alternative methods are available.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

The proposed rescission of Chapters 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 will have no substantial impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **129—Chapter 8**.

ITEM 2. Rescind and reserve **129—Chapter 10**.

ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve **129—Chapter 20**.

ITEM 4. Rescind and reserve **129—Chapter 21**.

ITEM 5. Rescind and reserve **129—Chapter 22**.