Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 761—Chapter 822
"Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund Program"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 307.12(1)"j"
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 327H.20A

Public Hearing

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

October 30, 2025 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Microsoft Teams Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 391 471 89#

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Transportation 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 Department proposes to rescind Chapter 822 because it is unnecessary. Information concerning the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant (RRLG) Program is already available on the Department's website: RRLG Program.

Analysis of Impact

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

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

The Department bears the costs of program administration to implement Iowa Code section 327H.20A. The rescission of this chapter does not affect the costs.

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

Industry professionals and businesses utilizing railroad services awarded funds from the RRLG Program will continue to benefit from the program.

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:**

Rescinding this chapter does not have a quantitative impact.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

Rescinding this chapter does not have a qualitative impact.

3. **Costs to the State:**

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

The oversight and administration are a cost borne by the Department, but there are no additional costs due to rescinding this chapter.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There is no effect on State revenues due to rescinding this chapter.

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

There are no costs due to rescinding the chapter. The benefits include the reduction of one chapter and ten rules. The RRLG Program guidance will continue to be available on the Department's website.

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

There are no less costly or less intrusive methods to achieve the purpose of rescinding the chapter.

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

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

The Department decided that this chapter was unnecessary and proposes to rescind Chapter 822. Information on the program guidelines and the application for funding are available on the Department's website: RRLG Program.

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

Not applicable.

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?

There is no impact on small business due to rescinding the chapter.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **761—Chapter 822**.