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SENATE FILE 336  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 25)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
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A BILL FOR

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2 the following new subsection:

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8 inspection and reference.

9 Sec. 2. Section 256.54, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
10 1995, is amended to read as follows:

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12 reports of various boards and agencies, and copies of bills,  
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14 proposed legislation, and copies of the Iowa administrative  
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24 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

25 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

26 State agencies are increasingly adopting standards by  
27 reference in their administrative rules. Current policy  
28 requires the agency to reference the rule and detail where a  
29 copy may be obtained. It does not currently require the  
30 agency or any other governmental entity to obtain and make  
31 available for further inspection a copy of the standard  
32 adopted by reference. Any interested party wishing to review  
33 those requirements or standards referenced in rule may be  
34 required to purchase that information from the publishing  
35 source. Sometimes the referenced standard is only a limited

1 portion of a larger, more expensive publication. Sometimes  
2 there are delays experienced in receiving this information.  
3 Fundamentally, if a standard or reference is made part of Iowa  
4 law through the administrative rulemaking process, then Iowa  
5 citizens should have a centralized location where that  
6 standard or reference can be consulted. Currently the  
7 availability of that information is dispersed, inconvenient,  
8 and incomplete.

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