

**House Study Bill 53 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED ETHICS AND  
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD  
BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the reporting of certain gifts and bequests  
2 received by the executive branch.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8.7, Code 2019, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **8.7 Reporting of gifts and bequests received.**

4 All gifts and bequests with a value of fifty dollars or  
5 more received by a department or accepted by the governor on  
6 behalf of the state shall be reported within twenty days of  
7 receiving the gift or bequest to the Iowa ethics and campaign  
8 disclosure board ~~and the general assembly's standing committees~~  
9 ~~on government oversight~~, using the board's internet reporting  
10 system. The Iowa ethics and campaign disclosure board shall,  
11 by January 31 of each year, submit to the fiscal services  
12 division of the legislative services agency a written report  
13 listing all gifts and bequests received during the previous  
14 calendar year with a value over one thousand dollars and the  
15 purpose for each such gift or bequest. The submission shall  
16 also include a listing of all gifts and bequests received by a  
17 department from a person if the cumulative value of all gifts  
18 and bequests received by the department from the person during  
19 the previous calendar year exceeds one thousand dollars, and  
20 the Iowa ethics and campaign disclosure board shall include, if  
21 available, the purpose for each such gift or bequest. However,  
22 the reports on gifts or bequests filed by the state board of  
23 regents and the Iowa state fair board pursuant to [section 8.44](#)  
24 shall be deemed sufficient to comply with the requirements of  
25 this section.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill relates to the reporting of certain gifts and  
30 bequests received by the executive branch.

31 Currently, all gifts and bequests received by a department  
32 or accepted by the governor on behalf of the state are required  
33 to be reported to the Iowa ethics and campaign disclosure board  
34 and the general assembly's standing committees on government  
35 oversight. Each year, the board is required to submit a report

1 to the legislative services agency listing all of the gifts and  
2 bequests received during the previous year with a value of over  
3 \$1,000 as well as all gifts and bequests a department receives  
4 from a person if the cumulative value of the gifts and bequests  
5 from the person to the department exceeds \$1,000 during the  
6 previous calendar year.

7 The bill limits the reporting requirement to gifts and  
8 bequests with a value of \$50 or more. The bill requires the  
9 recipient reports to the board to be filed electronically  
10 within 20 days of receiving the gift or bequest using the  
11 board's internet reporting system. The bill eliminates  
12 the filing requirement with the general assembly's standing  
13 committees on government oversight.