

House File 551 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 164)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to access to and use of the county land record
2 information system.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.603, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The governing board of the county land record information
4 system shall not enter into an agreement to provide access
5 to electronic documents or records on a batch basis unless
6 authorized by statute. The county recorder may collect
7 reasonable fees for access to electronic documents and records
8 pursuant to an agreement. The fees shall not exceed the
9 actual cost of providing access to the electronic documents
10 and records. "Actual cost" means only those expenses directly
11 attributable to providing access to electronic documents
12 and records. "Actual cost" shall not include costs such as
13 employment benefits, depreciation, maintenance, electricity,
14 or insurance associated with the administration of the office
15 of the county recorder or the county land record information
16 system.

17 Sec. 2. Section 331.604, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
18 2023, is amended to read as follows:

19 a. Each county shall participate in the county land
20 record information system and shall comply with the policies
21 and procedures established by the governing board of the
22 county land record information system. The governing board
23 of the county land record information system shall establish
24 policies and procedures providing for, at a minimum, reasonable
25 limitations on usage, requirements for the authentication of
26 users, the prohibition of illegal or unauthorized uses, and the
27 prohibition of foreign access from a location outside of the
28 United States.

29 Sec. 3. Section 331.605B, Code 2023, is amended by adding
30 the following new subsections:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The governing board of the county
32 land record information system may enter into an agreement to
33 provide access to electronic groundwater hazard documents or
34 records on a batch basis or through an application programming
35 interface to the department of natural resources. The

1 governing board of the county land record information system
2 may collect a fee for providing access to the documents or
3 records subject to the mutual agreement of the parties.

4 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The governing board of the county
5 land record information system may enter into an agreement to
6 provide access to aggregated anonymous data. The governing
7 board of the county land record information system may collect
8 a fee for providing access to aggregated anonymous data through
9 an authorized agreement as provided in this subsection.

10 EXPLANATION

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

13 This bill relates to access to and use of the county land
14 record information system. Current law prohibits the governing
15 board of the county land record information system (governing
16 board) from entering into an agreement to provide access
17 to electronic documents or records on a batch basis. The
18 bill authorizes such an agreement for access to electronic
19 groundwater hazard documents or records through an application
20 programming interface to the department of natural resources
21 and for access to aggregated anonymous data. The governing
22 board may collect a fee for providing access through an
23 authorized agreement.

24 Under current law, each county shall participate in the
25 county land record information system and shall comply with
26 the policies and procedures established by the governing
27 board. The bill requires the governing board to establish
28 policies and procedures providing for, at a minimum, reasonable
29 limitations on usage, requirements for the authentication of
30 users, the prohibition of illegal or unauthorized uses, and the
31 prohibition of foreign access from a location outside of the
32 United States.