To: Members of the Iowa Legislature

From: Iowa Finance Authority

Date: November 29, 2021

Re: Proposed amendments to Iowa Code section 16.2D

**Background and proposed changes:**

The Iowa Council on Homelessness (“the Council”) works to identify issues, raise awareness and secure resources to help ensure all Iowans have access to safe and affordable housing. The Iowa Finance Authority provides staff assistance and administrative support to the Council. The Council is currently comprised of 38 voting members and had been appointed the task of assisting in the state’s continuum of care application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The state’s continuum of care application has been complete for some time and the Council has spent much of the last year engaged in a strategic planning process. As part of that process, the Council is proposing to reduce the size of the Council to increase efficiency and meaningful participation. The Council is also proposing to better align its duties with its mission and with the resources available to the Council.