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Memo

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Re: IPIB bill request regarding jurisdictional time-frame for filing complaints

The Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) is requesting legislation to increase the jurisdictional timeframe for filing complaints regarding Iowa's open meetings (chapter 21) and/or public records (chapter 22) with the IPIB from 60 days to 90 days.

We have had several complaints that might have been matters IPIB could have assisted with, but instead, they were dismissed because of the 60-day jurisdictional limit. Increasing the timeframe allows the individuals and the government body additional time to work to resolve the matter before filing a complaint. It also would allow IPIB to address complaints brought before it that could have merit, but were not filed within 60 days.

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