

## Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

<b>Department Name:</b>	Transportation	<b>Date:</b>	08/14/25	<b>Total Rule Count:</b>	10
<b>IAC #:</b>	761	<b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b>	822	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	No specific rulemaking authority
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### What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The chapter is intended to provide guidance on administration and eligibility of the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund. This program provides economic benefits to rail transportation and freight service improvements in the State of Iowa. The Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program provides funding in the form of loans and grants for railroad-related improvement projects and is established in Iowa Code section 327H.20A and is under the control of the Department.

### Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The benefits of providing annual funding opportunity from the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program provides businesses a funding source to improve freight movements, expand freight network and operation efficiencies, increase economic development and job growth. Each funding cycle there are more applicants and project requests than funds available.

### What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

The public does not incur any costs.

### What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

The Department does incur minimum program administration and oversight costs to implement the program.

### Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes, the benefits from the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program provides businesses a funding source to improve freight movements, expand freight network and operation efficiencies, and increase economic development and job growth.

### Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☒ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

The Department determined there is a less restrictive alternative to rules. Chapter 822 is unnecessary. Iowa Code section 320H.20A requires the Department to establish and administer the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund but Iowa Code doesn't say the guidance must be established by rule. The program guidance and application for funding for the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program is available on the Department's website: [Railroad Revolving Loan Grant Program \(RRLG\) | Department of Transportation](#).

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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**RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):**

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**RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):**

None, the Department proposes to permanently rescind this chapter.

***\*For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

#### METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	10
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	1644
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	27

**ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?**

No.