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Re: Iowa Code section 8.7 Gifts, Bequests, and Grants Report

Dear Division Director Lyons:

Iowa Code section 8.7 requires "all gifts, bequests, and grants received by a department or accepted by the governor on behalf of the state" to be reported to the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board (Board). The law requires the Board to then submit to the Fiscal Division of the Legislative Services Agency a summary report.

The following actions have been taken to implement the requirements of the law:

1. The Government Oversight Committee has deemed reports filed with the Board as complying with the requirement that reports be filed with the Committee.
2. To help departments comply with the law, the Board determined that it would accept copies of internal tracking devices such as excel spreadsheets in lieu of paper reports. In addition, the Board accepts filings on the state GEM\$ system in lieu of paper reports.
3. The Department of Administrative Services has agreed to report on behalf of the other departments funds allocated from the Vertical Infrastructure Project and the IowAccess Board.
4. The Board has issued six advisory opinions interpreting the section. This is the link to the Board's opinions interpreting the application of section 8.7:
http://www.state.ia.us/ethics/legal/adv_opn/category-gift_reporting/category-giftreporting.html#
5. Filings with the Board for 2007 are posted as they are received on the Board's Web site for public viewing at: http://www.state.ia.us/ethics/ethics/gifts/gifts_2007.htm.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board by:



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