

Governor Kim Reynolds's [government realignment bill](#) is nothing short of a power grab. The two-person subcommittees, which skirted open meeting laws, got zero public or expert input into what to do with which boards. Now, they are proposing eliminating over [100 boards and commissions](#). Iowans value health and safety and the opportunities for all to thrive. The elimination of these boards and commissions would allow corporations, polluters and bad actors free reign to harm Iowans.

Speak out to help keep in place boards such as:

- Athletic Training Board
- Volunteer Commission (needed to keep federal funds for Americorps)
- Child Care Advisory Committee
- Commission on Homelessness
- HAWKI Board (kids' healthcare would get lost in the larger HHS Medicaid shuffle)
- Nursing Home Administrator's Board

Here is the [proposed list](#) of eliminations and mergers- comment on what is important to you.

Comment by emailing bcrccomments@iowa.gov. See sample message below:

Dear ____,

I've reviewed the proposed cuts and mergers and I'm worried about how our state government represents people like me, my friends, and my family. As you look to improve efficiencies, please ensure that boards and panels like ____ are preserved. As important as it is to improve and review government, it is just as important to ensure the needs and priorities of all Iowans are taken into account. Many of these panels improve life for Iowans and address critical issues in our state that would otherwise be lost or ignored. Please work to ensure that this effort does not concentrate power, but ensures all Iowans are represented and considered when decisions are made by our state government.

Sincerely,

Committee members plan to meet for a review at 10 a.m. Sept. 25 at the State Capitol before finalizing their proposal.