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Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 8:11 AM
To: Isenhart, Charles [LEGIS]
Cc: Freeland, Bill [LEGIS]; Kozel, Deb [LEGIS]
Subject: Re: Leopold Center records request

Rep. Isenhart,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. It is my understanding you are requesting copies of public records dated between November 8, 2016 and May 24, 2017 pertaining to the recent legislation concerning the Leopold Center that was signed into law by former Governor Branstad.

Unfortunately, our office cannot fulfill your request as specified. The records you are requesting are part of the previous Branstad administration's records collection. As you know, on May 24, 2017, the Branstad administration came to a close. This date also marked the beginning of the new Reynolds administration and the new Reynolds administration's records collection.

In most cases, gubernatorial administrations are only the custodians of their own, current records collections; they are not the records custodians of previous gubernatorial administrations. As such, our office cannot reach back and review and release records from the previous administration within the timeline you specified.

Even if we could, I am unsure as a practical matter whether or not our office would be able to adequately locate, copy, and produce the records universe you are referring to. To my knowledge, the Branstad administration's records have been collected and are being prepared for indexing for historical and archival purposes. That process is apparently underway, but it is a slow one. The last I knew, those records were not in a form that was yet amendable for searching for open records purposes (particularly electronic documents such as emails, etc.).

I apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any other open records requests that would be applicable to Reynolds administration's records, we would be happy to accommodate you.

Thanks,

-Colin

On Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 4:48 PM, Isenhart, Charles [LEGIS] <Charles.Isenhart@legis.iowa.gov> wrote:
Dear Mr. Smith:

Please see attached my request of the governor's office for records pertaining to the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

I thank you for your attention.

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