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The purpose of fees were to pay for the cost of the hours spent on a request, and printing of the report.

I believe the fee rules have been abused in the past to deter people from requesting public records when the clerk gives estimates of thousands of dollars for reports when they are digital records and can be simply emailed the report and uses very little staff time. The legislature needs to implement rules to prevent these kinds of abuse.

For example if a record is as simple as running a report on a computer and outputting to pdf, the fees should be assessed differently. Instead of charging per page, the fee should be the minimum \$5 if this bill passes.