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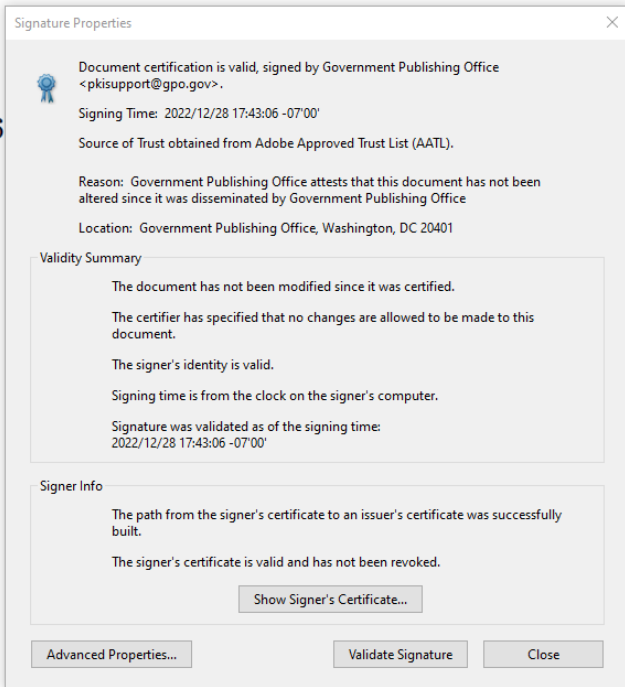
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DATE: November 6, 2023
TO: Legislative Council
FROM: Jaret Coles, Deputy Director of Legal Services
RE: UELMA -- Examples of Authentication in Federal and State Government Documents

U.S. Congress: Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) + PDF

A screenshot of a PDF document viewer displaying the title page of H.R. 4346. The document is titled "H. R. 4346" and is part of the "One Hundred Seventeenth Congress of the United States of America". It is an act titled "An Act Making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes." The document is certified by the Government Publishing Office (GPO) and is authenticated using Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). The viewer interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, E-Sign, Window, Help), a toolbar, and a status bar at the bottom. The document content is centered and uses a formal, serif font.



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2022 Minnesota Statutes

15B.01 PURPOSES OF THE BOARD.
 The purposes of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board are:

- (1) to preserve and enhance the dignity, beauty, and architectural integrity of the Capitol, the buildings immediately adjacent to it, the Capitol grounds, and the Capitol Area;
- (2) to protect, enhance, and increase the open spaces within the Capitol Area when considered necessary and desirable to improve the public enjoyment of them;
- (3) to develop proper approaches to the Capitol Area for pedestrians, the highway system, and mass transit system so that the area achieves its maximum importance and accessibility; and
- (4) to establish a flexible framework for growth of the Capitol buildings in keeping with the spirit of the original design.

History: [1969 c 1150 s 1](#); [1974 c 580 s 4](#); [1980 c 614 s 47](#); [2003 c 17 s 1, subd 1,2](#)

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Minnesota [Statute Section 15B.01](#) as published 10/11/2022

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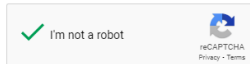
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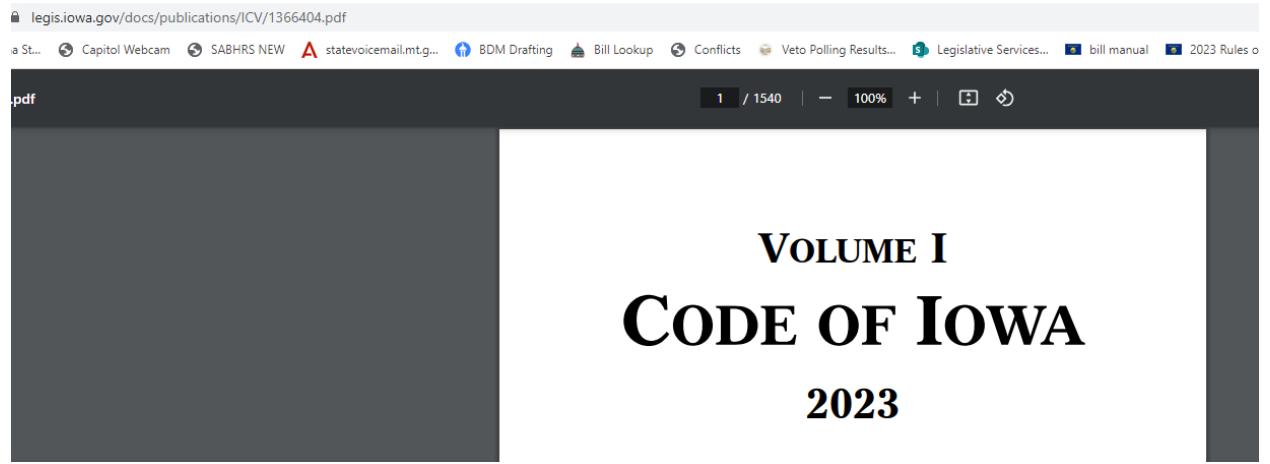
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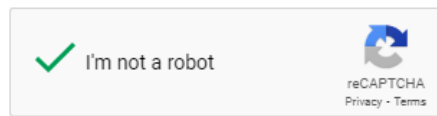
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