

House Bill 3407

Sponsored by Representative GALIZIO

SUMMARY

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Modifies exemption from disclosure as public record for personal information of public safety officers. Provides exemption for home address, telephone number and electronic mail address of public safety officer contained in voter registration records.

Provides exemption from disclosure for name of public safety officer contained in county real property assessment or taxation records in connection with property owned by officer. Specifies limits of exemption.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public records; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 181.854, 192.502, 312.030,
3 312.050 and 312.190.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 192.502 is amended to read:

6 192.502. The following public records are exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505:

7 (1) Communications within a public body or between public bodies of an advisory nature to the
8 extent that they cover other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to any final agency
9 determination of policy or action. This exemption shall not apply unless the public body shows that
10 in the particular instance the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials
11 and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

12 (2) Information of a personal nature such as but not limited to that kept in a personal, medical
13 or similar file, if public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy, unless the
14 public interest by clear and convincing evidence requires disclosure in the particular instance. The
15 party seeking disclosure shall have the burden of showing that public disclosure would not consti-
16 tute an unreasonable invasion of privacy.

17 (3) Public body employee or volunteer addresses, Social Security numbers, dates of birth and
18 telephone numbers contained in personnel records maintained by the public body that is the em-
19 ployer or the recipient of volunteer services. This exemption:

20 (a) Does not apply to the addresses, dates of birth and telephone numbers of employees or vol-
21 unteers who are elected officials, except that a judge or district attorney subject to election may
22 seek to exempt the judge's or district attorney's address or telephone number, or both, under the
23 terms of ORS 192.445;

24 (b) Does not apply to employees or volunteers to the extent that the party seeking disclosure
25 shows by clear and convincing evidence that the public interest requires disclosure in a particular
26 instance;

27 (c) Does not apply to a substitute teacher as defined in ORS 342.815 when requested by a pro-
28 fessional education association of which the substitute teacher may be a member; and

29 (d) Does not relieve a public employer of any duty under ORS 243.650 to 243.782.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (4) Information submitted to a public body in confidence and not otherwise required by law to
2 be submitted, where such information should reasonably be considered confidential, the public body
3 has obliged itself in good faith not to disclose the information, and when the public interest would
4 suffer by the disclosure.

5 (5) Information or records of the Department of Corrections, including the State Board of Parole
6 and Post-Prison Supervision, to the extent that disclosure would interfere with the rehabilitation of
7 a person in custody of the department or substantially prejudice or prevent the carrying out of the
8 functions of the department, if the public interest in confidentiality clearly outweighs the public in-
9 terest in disclosure.

10 (6) Records, reports and other information received or compiled by the Director of the Depart-
11 ment of Consumer and Business Services in the administration of ORS chapters 723 and 725 not
12 otherwise required by law to be made public, to the extent that the interests of lending institutions,
13 their officers, employees and customers in preserving the confidentiality of such information out-
14 weighs the public interest in disclosure.

15 (7) Reports made to or filed with the court under ORS 137.077 or 137.530.

16 (8) Any public records or information the disclosure of which is prohibited by federal law or
17 regulations.

18 (9) Public records or information the disclosure of which is prohibited or restricted or otherwise
19 made confidential or privileged under Oregon law.

20 (10) Public records or information described in this section, furnished by the public body ori-
21 ginally compiling, preparing or receiving them to any other public officer or public body in con-
22 nection with performance of the duties of the recipient, if the considerations originally giving rise
23 to the confidential or exempt nature of the public records or information remain applicable.

24 (11) Records of the Energy Facility Siting Council concerning the review or approval of security
25 programs pursuant to ORS 469.530.

26 (12) Employee and retiree address, telephone number and other nonfinancial membership records
27 and employee financial records maintained by the Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to
28 ORS chapters 238 and 238A.

29 (13) Records submitted by private persons or businesses to the State Treasurer or the Oregon
30 Investment Council relating to proposed acquisition, exchange or liquidation of public investments
31 under ORS chapter 293 may be treated as exempt from disclosure when and only to the extent that
32 disclosure of such records reasonably may be expected to substantially limit the ability of the
33 Oregon Investment Council to effectively compete or negotiate for, solicit or conclude such trans-
34 actions. Records which relate to concluded transactions are not subject to this exemption.

35 (14) The monthly reports prepared and submitted under ORS 293.761 and 293.766 concerning the
36 Public Employees Retirement Fund and the Industrial Accident Fund may be uniformly treated as
37 exempt from disclosure for a period of up to 90 days after the end of the calendar quarter.

38 (15) Reports of unclaimed property filed by the holders of such property to the extent permitted
39 by ORS 98.352.

40 (16) The following records, communications and information submitted to the Oregon Economic
41 and Community Development Commission, the Economic and Community Development Department,
42 the State Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Growth Account Board, the Port of Portland or
43 other ports, as defined in ORS 777.005, by applicants for investment funds, loans or services includ-
44 ing, but not limited to, those described in ORS 285A.224:

45 (a) Personal financial statements.

1 (b) Financial statements of applicants.

2 (c) Customer lists.

3 (d) Information of an applicant pertaining to litigation to which the applicant is a party if the
4 complaint has been filed, or if the complaint has not been filed, if the applicant shows that such
5 litigation is reasonably likely to occur; this exemption does not apply to litigation which has been
6 concluded, and nothing in this paragraph shall limit any right or opportunity granted by discovery
7 or deposition statutes to a party to litigation or potential litigation.

8 (e) Production, sales and cost data.

9 (f) Marketing strategy information that relates to applicant's plan to address specific markets
10 and applicant's strategy regarding specific competitors.

11 (17) Records, reports or returns submitted by private concerns or enterprises required by law
12 to be submitted to or inspected by a governmental body to allow it to determine the amount of any
13 transient lodging tax payable and the amounts of such tax payable or paid, to the extent that such
14 information is in a form which would permit identification of the individual concern or enterprise.
15 Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made of such information for regulatory
16 purposes or its admissibility in any enforcement proceedings. The public body shall notify the tax-
17 payer of the delinquency immediately by certified mail. However, in the event that the payment or
18 delivery of transient lodging taxes otherwise due to a public body is delinquent by over 60 days, the
19 public body shall disclose, upon the request of any person, the following information:

20 (a) The identity of the individual concern or enterprise that is delinquent over 60 days in the
21 payment or delivery of the taxes.

22 (b) The period for which the taxes are delinquent.

23 (c) The actual, or estimated, amount of the delinquency.

24 (18) All information supplied by a person under ORS 151.485 for the purpose of requesting ap-
25 pointed counsel, and all information supplied to the court from whatever source for the purpose of
26 verifying the financial eligibility of a person pursuant to ORS 151.485.

27 (19) Workers' compensation claim records of the Department of Consumer and Business Services,
28 except in accordance with rules adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Busi-
29 ness Services, in any of the following circumstances:

30 (a) When necessary for insurers, self-insured employers and third party claim administrators to
31 process workers' compensation claims.

32 (b) When necessary for the director, other governmental agencies of this state or the United
33 States to carry out their duties, functions or powers.

34 (c) When the disclosure is made in such a manner that the disclosed information cannot be used
35 to identify any worker who is the subject of a claim.

36 (d) When a worker or the worker's representative requests review of the worker's claim record.

37 (20) Sensitive business records or financial or commercial information of the Oregon Health and
38 Science University that is not customarily provided to business competitors.

39 (21) Records of Oregon Health and Science University regarding candidates for the position of
40 president of the university.

41 (22) The records of a library, including circulation records, showing use of specific library ma-
42 terial by a named person or consisting of the name of a library patron together with the address
43 or telephone number, or both, of the patron.

44 (23) The following records, communications and information obtained by the Housing and Com-
45 munity Services Department in connection with the department's monitoring or administration of

1 financial assistance or of housing or other developments:

- 2 (a) Personal and corporate financial statements and information, including tax returns.
- 3 (b) Credit reports.
- 4 (c) Project appraisals.
- 5 (d) Market studies and analyses.
- 6 (e) Articles of incorporation, partnership agreements and operating agreements.
- 7 (f) Commitment letters.
- 8 (g) Project pro forma statements.
- 9 (h) Project cost certifications and cost data.
- 10 (i) Audits.
- 11 (j) Project tenant correspondence.
- 12 (k) Personal information about a tenant.
- 13 (L) Housing assistance payments.

14 (24) Raster geographic information system (GIS) digital databases, provided by private forestland
 15 owners or their representatives, voluntarily and in confidence to the State Forestry Department,
 16 that is not otherwise required by law to be submitted.

17 (25) Sensitive business, commercial or financial information furnished to or developed by a
 18 public body engaged in the business of providing electricity or electricity services, if the information
 19 is directly related to a transaction described in ORS 261.348, or if the information is directly related
 20 to a bid, proposal or negotiations for the sale or purchase of electricity or electricity services, and
 21 disclosure of the information would cause a competitive disadvantage for the public body or its re-
 22 tail electricity customers. This subsection does not apply to cost-of-service studies used in the de-
 23 velopment or review of generally applicable rate schedules.

24 (26) Sensitive business, commercial or financial information furnished to or developed by the
 25 City of Klamath Falls, acting solely in connection with the ownership and operation of the Klamath
 26 Cogeneration Project, if the information is directly related to a transaction described in ORS 225.085
 27 and disclosure of the information would cause a competitive disadvantage for the Klamath
 28 Cogeneration Project. This subsection does not apply to cost-of-service studies used in the develop-
 29 ment or review of generally applicable rate schedules.

30 (27) Personally identifiable information about customers of a municipal electric utility or a
 31 people's utility district or the names, dates of birth, driver license numbers, telephone numbers,
 32 electronic mail addresses or Social Security numbers of customers who receive water, sewer or
 33 storm drain services from a public body as defined in ORS 174.109. The utility or district may re-
 34 lease personally identifiable information about a customer, and a public body providing water, sewer
 35 or storm drain services may release the name, date of birth, driver license number, telephone num-
 36 ber, electronic mail address or Social Security number of a customer, if the customer consents in
 37 writing or electronically, if the disclosure is necessary for the utility, district or other public body
 38 to render services to the customer, if the disclosure is required pursuant to a court order or if the
 39 disclosure is otherwise required by federal or state law. The utility, district or other public body
 40 may charge as appropriate for the costs of providing such information. The utility, district or other
 41 public body may make customer records available to third party credit agencies on a regular basis
 42 in connection with the establishment and management of customer accounts or in the event such
 43 accounts are delinquent.

44 (28) A record of the street and number of an employee's address submitted to a special district
 45 to obtain assistance in promoting an alternative to single occupant motor vehicle transportation.

1 (29) Sensitive business records, capital development plans or financial or commercial information
2 of Oregon Corrections Enterprises that is not customarily provided to business competitors.

3 (30) Documents, materials or other information submitted to the Director of the Department of
4 Consumer and Business Services in confidence by a state, federal, foreign or international regulatory
5 or law enforcement agency or by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates
6 or subsidiaries under ORS 646.380 to 646.398, 697.005 to 697.095, 697.602 to 697.842, 705.137, 717.200
7 to 717.320, 717.900 or 717.905, ORS chapter 59, 722, 723, 725 or 726, the Bank Act or the Insurance
8 Code when:

9 (a) The document, material or other information is received upon notice or with an under-
10 standing that it is confidential or privileged under the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of
11 the document, material or other information; and

12 (b) The director has obligated the Department of Consumer and Business Services not to dis-
13 close the document, material or other information.

14 (31) A county elections security plan developed and filed under ORS 254.074.

15 (32) Information about review or approval of programs relating to the security of:

16 (a) Generation, storage or conveyance of:

17 (A) Electricity;

18 (B) Gas in liquefied or gaseous form;

19 (C) Hazardous substances as defined in ORS 453.005 (7)(a), (b) and (d);

20 (D) Petroleum products;

21 (E) Sewage; or

22 (F) Water.

23 (b) Telecommunication systems, including cellular, wireless or radio systems.

24 (c) Data transmissions by whatever means provided.

25 (33) The information specified in ORS 25.020 (8) if the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court des-
26 ignates the information as confidential by rule under ORS 1.002.

27 (34) If requested by a public safety officer as defined in ORS 181.610, the home address[,] **and**
28 home telephone number [*and electronic mail address*] of the public safety officer **contained in the**
29 **voter registration records for the public safety officer.** [*This exemption does not apply to ad-*
30 *dresses and telephone numbers that are contained in county real property or lien records.*]

31 **(35) If requested by a public safety officer as defined in ORS 181.610, the name of the**
32 **public safety officer contained in county real property assessment or taxation records. This**
33 **exemption:**

34 **(a) Applies only to the name of the public safety officer and any other owner of the**
35 **property in connection with a specific property identified by the officer in a request for ex-**
36 **emption from disclosure;**

37 **(b) Applies only to records that may be made immediately available to the public upon**
38 **request in person, by telephone or using the Internet;**

39 **(c) Applies until the public safety officer requests termination of the exemption;**

40 **(d) Does not apply to disclosure of records among public bodies as defined in ORS 174.109**
41 **for governmental purposes; and**

42 **(e) May not result in liability for a county if the name of a public safety officer is dis-**
43 **closed after a request for exemption from disclosure is made under this subsection.**

44 **SECTION 2.** ORS 181.854 is amended to read:

45 181.854. (1) As used in this section:

1 (a) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 192.410.

2 (b) "Public safety employee" means a certified reserve officer, corrections officer, parole and
3 probation officer, police officer or youth correction officer as those terms are defined in ORS
4 181.610.

5 (2) A public body may not disclose a photograph of a public safety employee of the public body
6 without the written consent of the employee. This subsection does not apply to the use by the public
7 body of a photograph of a public safety employee.

8 (3) A public body may not disclose information about a personnel investigation of a public safety
9 employee of the public body if the investigation does not result in discipline of the employee.

10 (4) Subsection (3) of this section does not apply:

11 (a) When the public interest requires disclosure of the information.

12 (b) When the employee consents to disclosure in writing.

13 (c) When disclosure is necessary for an investigation by the public body, the Department of
14 Public Safety Standards and Training or a citizen review body designated by the public body.

15 (d) When the public body determines that nondisclosure of the information would adversely af-
16 fect the confidence of the public in the public body.

17 (5) If an investigation of a public safety employee of a public body results from a complaint, the
18 public body may disclose to the complainant the disposition of the complaint and, to the extent the
19 public body considers necessary to explain the action of the public body on the complaint, a written
20 summary of information obtained in the investigation.

21 (6) A public body must notify a public safety employee of the public body if the public body re-
22 ceives a request for:

23 (a) A photograph of the employee.

24 (b) Information about the employee that is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.502 (2), (3),
25 [or] (34) **or (35)**.

26 (c) Information about the employee that is prohibited from disclosure by subsection (3) of this
27 section.

28 **(7) Subsection (6) of this section does not apply to searches for a photograph or infor-**
29 **mation made by a person using the Internet.**

30 **SECTION 3.** ORS 312.030 is amended to read:

31 312.030. (1) Within two months after the day of delinquency of taxes of each year the tax col-
32 lector shall prepare a list of all real properties then subject to foreclosure. The list shall be known
33 as the foreclosure list and shall contain:

34 (a) The names of the several persons appearing in the latest tax roll as the respective owners
35 of tax-delinquent properties. **If the owner of the property has applied for an exemption from**
36 **disclosure under ORS 192.502 (35), the list shall state that the name of the owner is sup-**
37 **pressed by law.**

38 (b) A description of each such property as it appears in the latest tax roll.

39 (c) The year or years for which taxes are delinquent on each property.

40 (d) The principal amount of the delinquent taxes of each year and the amount of accrued and
41 accruing interest thereon to the day of publication.

42 (2) Thereafter, and until judgment is obtained pursuant to ORS 312.090, interest shall be charged
43 and collected on each of the several amounts of taxes included in the foreclosure list at the rate
44 provided in ORS 311.505 (2).

45 **SECTION 4.** ORS 312.050 is amended to read:

1 312.050. (1) On the day which is three months after the day of delinquency of taxes of the latest
 2 year, the tax collector, with the assistance of the district attorney, shall institute proceedings to
 3 foreclose the liens for all the delinquent taxes against each of the several properties included in the
 4 foreclosure list.

5 (2) One general proceeding shall be brought on the part of the county to foreclose the tax liens
 6 against each of the properties included in the foreclosure list. The person whose name appears in
 7 the latest tax roll as the owner of any property therein described shall be considered and treated
 8 as the owner of the property. Each such proceeding shall be a proceeding in rem against the prop-
 9 erty itself. If in any tax roll it appears that the owner of any property is unknown, **or that the**
 10 **name of the owner is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.502 (35)**, then [*such*] **the** property
 11 shall be proceeded against as belonging to an unknown owner.

12 **SECTION 5.** ORS 312.190 is amended to read:

13 312.190. **Subject to an exemption from disclosure that applies under ORS 192.502 (35):**

14 (1) Not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days prior to the expiration of the period of re-
 15 demption of any real property ordered sold to the county under a judgment under ORS 312.100, the
 16 tax collector shall publish a general notice relative to the expiration of the period of redemption.

17 (2) The notice shall contain the date of the judgment, the date of expiration of the period of
 18 redemption, and warning to the effect that all the properties ordered sold under the judgment, unless
 19 sooner redeemed, will be deeded to the county immediately on expiration of the period of redemption
 20 and that every right or interest of any person in the properties will be forfeited forever to the
 21 county.

22 (3) The notice shall be published in two weekly issues of a duly designated newspaper of general
 23 circulation in the county within the period of 20 days as specified in this section. Proof of publica-
 24 tion shall be attached to and made a part of the deed issued to the county. The published notice
 25 may be a general notice and it shall not be necessary to include therein descriptions of the several
 26 properties or the names of the respective owners.

27 **SECTION 6. The amendments to ORS 181.854, 192.502, 312.030, 312.050 and 312.190 by**
 28 **sections 1 to 5 of this 2007 Act apply to records in the custody of a public body on or after**
 29 **the effective date of this 2007 Act.**