

IPO TESTIMONY ON HB 2790, HB 2791, HB 3331, HB 3505

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Chair Hoyle, Members of the Committee,

**HB 2790, 2791,
3331, 3505**

On behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon and its 110,000 members statewide, I am writing to express the party's support for four of the five bills under consideration at the April 27th hearing on the House Republican caucuses ethics reform bills.

HB 3505 Requires all bodies to maintain public records for not less than 3 years. Establishes maximum fees for transmission of public records. Eliminate legislature's exemption from record preservation requirements. Eliminate Legislature's exemption from responding to requests for records during any legislature session. Set maximum statutory response time for release of public records.

This legislation strengthens the hand of public watchdogs, providing them with the tools they need to investigate the decisions and actions of state agencies, local agencies, and elected officials.

HB 2790 and 2791 would strengthen the legislature's ability to compel people testifying before legislative committees to give accurate testimony and create penalties when false testimony is given.

HB 3331 gives the legislature the ability to compel the attorney general to appoint a special prosecutor via joint resolution.

These three proposals provide important tools for the legislature to address issues related to public corruption.

We urge the committee to move all four of these bills to the floor.

Respectfully,

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