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RE: HB 2101

The Oregon Association of Broadcasters ("OAB") supports the efforts of Rep. John Huffman with regard to HB 2101.

Local radio and television broadcasters serve many roles in their community, the most important of which is to serve as a check and balance of local and state governmental entities through their news gathering efforts.

The OAB believes that public records transparency is essential as it relates to fulfilling its vital role on behalf of Oregon's citizens. Reducing the volume of exemptions within Oregon's public records laws will serve the citizens of the state of Oregon well.

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