



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: SB 160

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### SUMMARY

Requires certain public bodies to reduce public records request fees by 40 percent if request is made in public interest. Requires same public bodies to reduce fees by between 50 and 100 percent, as determined by custodian, if public records request is in public interest and is narrowly tailored.

Requires requests made by members of news media to be treated as in public interest.

Requires, on and after January 1, 2027, all public bodies to reduce fees by 40 percent if request is made in public interest. Requires same public bodies to reduce fees by between 50 and 100 percent, as determined by custodian, if public records request is in public interest and is narrowly tailored.

### OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure requires state agencies, counties with a population of 300,000 or more, cities with a population of 100,000 or more and school districts with a student enrollment of 17,000 or more to reduce public records request fees by 40 percent if the request is in the public interest and between 50 and 100 percent if the public records request is in the public interest and is narrowly tailored. It specifies that requests made by members of the news media are to be treated as requests in the public interest.

This measure requires all public bodies to reduce public records request fees by 40 percent if the request is in the public interest and between 50 and 100 percent if the public records request is in the public interest and is narrowly tailored for public records requests made on or after January 1, 2027.

This measure does not impact public interests in disclosure that would be served if public records were subject to mandatory disclosure.