



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Expands authority of Chief Justice of Supreme Court to make rules for gathering specified information and identifying and evaluating disparities and impacts in justice system in Oregon. Directs Oregon State Bar to formulate rules relating to gathering of specified information and identifying and evaluating disparities and impacts in justice system in Oregon.

Limits disclosure of sensitive demographic information requested by courts or Oregon State Bar for purposes of identifying disparities in justice system.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

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

This measure allows the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar, subject to review and approval by the Supreme Court, to exempt from public disclosure information required to be submitted for purposes of distinguishing particular persons from other persons, gathering demographic information or identifying and evaluating disparities and impacts in the justice system in Oregon provided that federal law does not require that the information be made public.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could receive personally identifiable information that is required to be submitted for purposes of distinguishing particular persons from other persons, gathering demographic information or identifying and evaluating disparities and impacts in the justice system in Oregon.