



Public Records Advisory Council

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Senate Rules Committee

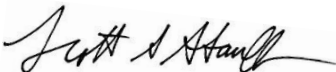
RE: [SB 417](#) – Public Records Requests, Costs and Fees – Support

As a member of Oregon's Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC) and as a practitioner of local government records management, I write today to express my support for Senate Bill (SB) 417 as presented by Senator Kim Thatcher at the request of the PRAC.

As outlined in its directive from the state legislature when it was created, the PRAC has spent its time over the last several years studying the state of public records management in Oregon. The proposed legislation, SB 417, is a result of that work and includes workable, fair, and reasonable changes to our public records law.

As outlined in the [testimony provided by the Office of the Public Records Advocate](#), SB 417 seeks to address issues of uncertainty in existing law by providing better definitions of public records request processes and roles while preserving government agencies' ability to make decisions about how to process and recoup costs related to records requests. In short, the changes to public law recommended by the PRAC aim to make the records request process simpler, better understood, and more efficient.

I strongly encourage the committee to support SB 417. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.


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