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On Behalf Of:  
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Honorable Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp, and Members of the Committee,

I am in support of SB417 to reduce public records request fees.

It take considerable effort to raise funds for public records as we never know what and when we will get for our efforts. The people just want to have some accountability from their leaders and government. We want to see the effect of our tax dollars are having. This is just an accountability effort on our behalf for the people. We should not have to pay outrageous fees to do this for the people.

In 2022 I requested the Cast Vote Record (CVR) for the Primary and General election. The quotes from the various counties varried from \$30 to over \$93,000. (I submitted the pdf of the Deschutes records response in a separate testimony.) It is prohibitive to pay the latter fees for the same information. I had requested a computer print out of the CVR report. It should be a simple request to fulfill. The change in cost for reviewing each page to see if someone had written their name on their ballot was the difference. The effect of this requirement made the public record unavailable for review.

In Washington County the same report went from a few hundred dollars in the Primary to over \$60,000 for the General Election. One of the clerks told me that the price was changed due to the comment of the Secretary of State asking the clerks to charge for a review of each of the ballot images.

I would suggest that in addition to the reduction in fee, that the public organization also be required to post any public records fulfilled to their website so others will be able to access it without duplicating the request and fees. This will also free up time from the office to fulfill records requests over the same information.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns,

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