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Dear Co-Chairs Patterson and Smith:

On March 9, 2023, I testified before the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government regarding HB 5032. During my testimony I stated that SB 417 received a work session on February 27, 2023, after which it was referred to Ways and Means with a “do pass” recommendation. That testimony was incorrect. Unfortunately, I confused my statement with the current posture of SB 510, the bill authorizing the Public Records Advocate to allocate and assess costs among public bodies of state government.

SB 417 received a hearing before the Senate Committee on Rules on February 7, 2023. At the conclusion of hearings for all three public records bills that were being heard that day, including SB 417, Chair Lieber indicated her sincere hope that stakeholders could join in dialogue about a bill combining elements of SB 417 and SB 160 to come up with a bill that might be workable, as the issue of public records should be addressed this session. Several stakeholders have now met twice and will continue meeting to work on a final version of a public records bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Todd Albert