

SB 890 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure extends the time by five years in which the Oregon Sunshine Committee must complete a review of all existing exemptions to public records laws. It also changes the recipient of the Oregon Sunshine Committee's biennial report, designating the committees or interim committees on judiciary in place of the Public Records Subcommittee of the Legislative Counsel Committee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

[House Bill 2101](#) (2017) created the [Oregon Sunshine Committee](#) (OSC) to review all existing exemptions to public records requests for public records by December 21, 2026, review upon request any administrative rules that impact disclosure, identify inefficiencies or inconsistencies that impede transparency in public records and government, and make recommendations on changes to existing law and policy to enhance transparency and fulfillment of public records requests. The OSC must make biennial reports in even-numbered years to the Public Records Subcommittee (subcommittee) of the Legislative Counsel Committee. The subcommittee has no regular meeting schedule and meets infrequently. Senate Bill 890 redirects the OSC's biennial reporting duties to the interim committees on judiciary and extends the OSC's time to review public records exemptions.