

SB 890 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 5/7

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 reports, designating that biennial reports be made to and be reviewed by the committees or interim committees on Judiciary, instead of the Public Records Subcommittee of the Legislative Counsel Committee.

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 29; Nays, 0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2101 (2017) created the [Oregon Sunshine Committee](#) (OSC) to do the following:

- 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 a report in every even-numbered year 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.