



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act changes what can be made public during and after a Rule 27 investigation of charges of rule violations. The Act takes effect when it is signed. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Modifies confidentiality and disclosure standards for records associated with investigations under legislative branch personnel rules. Eliminates the role of an offsite process counselor.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure makes the following records and information of the Legislative Equity Officer exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478:

- (1) Conduct complaints made under legislative branch personnel rules;
- (2) Records relating to an investigation of a member of the Legislative Assembly following a conduct complaint being made concerning the member; and
- (3) Records relating to an investigation of allegations of conduct prohibited by legislative branch personnel rules and not described above.

This measure also makes the following records and information of the equity officer disclosable under ORS 192.311 to 192.478:

- (1) A final investigative report in which a member of the Legislative Assembly is the respondent, once the report has been delivered to the appropriate conduct committee;
- (2) A final investigative report in which someone other than a member of the Legislative Assembly is a respondent, upon a determination being made that the person who was the subject of the investigation is subject to remedial measures or discipline; and
- (3) Any agreement that serves as a resolution of an investigation under legislative branch personnel rules and in which the respondent is a member of the Legislative Assembly, or a written summary of such an investigation, with the exception that identifying information about any individual who is not a member of the Legislative Assembly may be redacted.



Under this measure, records of conduct complaints and investigations remain exempt from disclosure, but a final investigative report in which a member of the Legislative Assembly is the respondent in the investigation is disclosable, the final investigative report in which a non-legislator is subject to discipline is disclosable and an agreement that resolves the investigation and in which a member of the Legislative Assembly is the respondent is disclosable. This measure enhances transparency concerning harassment in the State Capitol when come to resolution.