

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement needed

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Elections, Ethics, and Rules
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts claimant files and employer records of the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation (SAIF) from mandatory disclosure under public records law as well sensitive business records or financial or commercial information of the corporation which are not customarily provided to business competitors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referral to Committee on Elections, Ethics, and Rules

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 192.052 outlines the types of public records which are exempt from disclosure under the state's public records law. Examples include public employee or volunteer contact information; workers' compensation claim records; and public records or information in which disclosure is prohibited, restricted, or otherwise made confidential or privileged under current statute.

HB 2454 adds State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation (SAIF) claimant files, employer records, and sensitive business records or financial or commercial information that are not customarily provided to business competitors to the list of items exempt from public records law. The measure also clarifies that SAIF must make accident experience records of carrier-insured employers available to a rating organization to assist in making workers' compensation rates.

Sensitive business records of other governmental entities are currently excluded from public records law. Examples include Oregon Corrections Enterprises, Oregon Health and Science University, and the City of Klamath Falls (acting solely in connection with the ownership and operation of the Klamath Cogeneration Project).