SENATE AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2727

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 3, after "166.291" insert ", 192.480".

On page 11, after line 6, insert:

"SECTION 3. A person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record under ORS 192.502 (35) may petition the Attorney General or, if the person is denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record under ORS 192.502 (35) by a public body other than a state agency, the district attorney to review the public record to determine if it may be withheld from public inspection. Review of the petition shall be conducted in accordance with ORS 192.450 or 192.460. The provisions of ORS 192.465 (1), 192.470 and 192.490 apply to the review.

"SECTION 4. ORS 192.480 is amended to read:

"192.480. Except as provided in section 3 of this 2009 Act, in any case in which a person is denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record in the custody of an elected official, or in the custody of any other person but as to which an elected official claims the right to withhold disclosure, no petition to require disclosure may be filed with the Attorney General or district attorney, or if a petition is filed it shall not be considered by the Attorney General or district attorney after a claim of right to withhold disclosure by an elected official. In such case a person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record may institute proceedings for injunctive or declaratory relief in the appropriate circuit court, as specified in ORS 192.450 or 192.460, and the Attorney General or district attorney may upon request serve or decline to serve, in the discretion of the Attorney General or district attorney, as counsel in such suit for an elected official for which the Attorney General or district attorney ordinarily serves as counsel. Nothing in this section shall preclude an elected official from requesting advice from the Attorney General or a district attorney as to whether a public record should be disclosed."

In line 7, delete "3" and insert "5".