

House Bill 2093

House Bill 2093 will not do anything to stop I/D theft, that it is supposedly aimed at doing, even Social Security knows closing records will not do this, and publishes death notices as soon as they receive them. The more open records are, (except Social Security Numbers), the easier it is to check for fraud.

I/D thieves do not get there info from Vital records unless they can get Certified Copies, according to the police most I/D theft is via the data being given out over Cordless or Cell phones and Unsecured Internet, and a lot from drivers license records, or stolen credit cards.

I personally have had this happen twice, on phones and the internet.

I am surprised that Governor Kitzhaber being a doctor wants death information blacked out on death certificates, the first thing a doctor asks a new patient, is there family history of illnesses, again I have had personal experience with this, I had a sister that I was always told died of an eye disease, upon obtaining her death certificate I found she had died of TB of the spine. When I told my Doctor, tests were ordered to be sure I was not a carrier.

We do not need more bureaucracy or another State Agency to handle Vital Records, costing taxpayer's millions, most everything in House Bill 2093 is covered by other State agencies and Statues and is a total waste of time and money.

While people do live longer now days, closing birth records for 72 to 75 years and death records for 50 years is plenty of time, also marriage records as well as birth and death notices can be found in newspaper archives at most public libraries.

This bill will only hinder those Family Historians and Genealogist doing legitimate research. I have just went through seven years of Bureau of Indian Affairs Probate and if records had been closed for 125 years I would never had been able to locate many of the family that needed to be notified of this probate. This research was done at the request of the BIA and where Certified Copies of Vital records were needed, then it was left to them to request them. Most family historians or genealogists do not need certified copies for personal research.

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