

City of Roseburg

February 4, 2016

House Committee on Rules
Oregon State Capital Building
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 4130 (HB4130)

Honorable Chair Williamson and Members of the House Committee on Rules:

The City of Roseburg would like to join the Oregon Association of Municipal Recordors (OAMR) in encouraging you to vote against HB4130. We agree with OAMR that there are many aspects of the Bill that would have a negative impact on all cities in our State, such as:

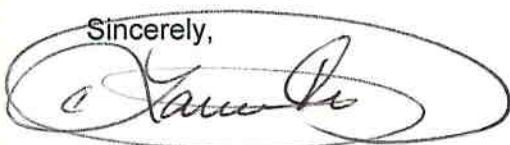
- requiring that all public records to be retained for a minimum of two years;
- putting a maximum on the per hour fee that can be charged for staff time required to respond to a public records request;
- placing specific time limits for responses to records requests; and
- requiring City Elections Officials to provide notice of any prospection petition for an initiate measure to the Secretary of State.

The changes proposed by HB4130 are unnecessary and unwarranted when one considers the related laws and administrative rules which already exist. Additionally, the City Records Retention Schedule (Oregon Administrative Rule 166-200-0200) was just updated last year and municipalities were required to adjust their records management programs to meet the new schedule. Revising the City Records Retention Schedule was a very extensive process during which each class of record was thoroughly reviewed and assigned an appropriate retention. It seems illogical to force cities to modify their records management program again ~ only one year later.

There are many small cities that have limited staff and resources to respond to the many public records requests received by local government agencies. Most Oregon cities are already grappling with serious budget shortfalls and if adopted, HB4130 would only add to our struggle to cost effectively provide service to our citizens.

For those reasons, the City of Roseburg strongly encourages you to vote against HB4130 as introduced prior to the 2016 Short Session. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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City Manager