



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: HB 2282

Only impacts on Original or Engrossed  
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### SUMMARY

Provides that identities of individuals interviewed in connection with audit by Secretary of State are confidential.

Modifies provisions relating to confidentiality of reports of government waste, inefficiency or abuse.

Requires secretary to publish quarterly summary of reports of government waste, inefficiency or abuse.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

### OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

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

This measure protects from public disclosure the identity of an individual interviewed by an employee of the Secretary of State in connection with an audit. The measure also protects from public disclosure a report of waste, inefficiency or abuse and the resulting investigation while the investigation is ongoing. If no waste, inefficiency or abuse is found, then the protection from public disclosure does not end at the completion of the investigation.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could receive addition information regarding investigations of waste, inefficiency or abuse performed by the Office of the Secretary of State, but it would create a disincentive for whistleblowers to voluntarily share information with auditors.