



Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 2345

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SUMMARY

Reduces public records request fees charged by state agencies by 50 percent if requester is member of news media, and waives fees entirely if request is narrowly tailored.

Requires similar reduction or complete waiver of fees for news media public records requests made of local governments or local service districts on or after January 1, 2021, unless governing body of local government or local service district has resolved not to adopt fee reduction or waiver.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

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

This measure requires state agencies to reduce the fee charged for making public records available by 50 percent if the requester is a member of the news media and to waive the fee completely if the request is narrowly tailored. Local governments and service districts would be required to reduce or waive fees in the same manner starting January 1, 2021, unless the governing body of the local government or service district resolves not to adopt the fee reduction and waiver provision for members of the news media.

This measure does not impact public interests in disclosure that would be served if public records were subject to mandatory disclosure.