



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: HB 2841

Only impacts on Original or Engrossed  
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### SUMMARY

Allows State Department of Fish and Wildlife to refuse disclosure of information relevant to department ability to manage or protect described fish or wildlife species or individual members or populations of species. Exempts information from disclosure as public record.

Makes disclosure criteria and public record law exemption retroactive to September 1, 2018. Validates department nondisclosures of information since September 1, 2018.

### OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

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

This measure expands the exemption from public disclosure of information related to threatened and endangered species of fish and wildlife to include other species not yet listed as threatened or endangered. The measure also expands the list of types of information that is subject to the exemption.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could receive additional information regarding threatened, endangered and sensitive species of fish and wildlife. The release of that information would benefit public interests in transparency, but negatively impact the public interest in safeguarding threatened, endangered or sensitive species of fish and wildlife.