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PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR Senate Bill 1506 Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

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According to Senate Bill 1506 SECTION 2. ORS 192.481 (j) only **ONE** member of the general public sits on this committee. This is a problem. Too many government officials or employees are sitting on this board who may have a vested interest in denying the public access to public records.

Attached are the latest examples of the State making it difficult and unaffordable for citizens to access public records. There is no reason for IT to be involved in reply dated January 22, 2020. Why does it take 1.5 hours of staff time to get the 3 totals I requested? It is less than 50,000 records. Are they using an abacus? Even a DOS 1.0 machine can calculate totals faster than that!! Not to mention, aren't these numbers sent to SEIU LOCAL 503 on a monthly basis? Finally,

there is nothing confidential in totals. This is nothing more than government staff retaliation!!

I urge to this Senate to put an end to these types of behaviors in all state agencies and order DHS to fill all of my public record requests at no charge in a professional and timely manner.

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