

Acting under ORS 433.008, this year the Oregon Health Authority has denied public records requests for aggregated statistical data about highly significant scientific and medical facts of COVID-19 in Oregon. Director Patrick Allen has not used his authority under ORS 433.008 to direct that requested aggregated statistical data be released on the OHA's initiative as an OHA report.

The Oregon DOJ under the leadership of Democratic AG Ellen Rosenblum has denied appeals of the OHA's denials of public records requests for aggregated statistical data about scientific and medical facts of COVID-19 in Oregon.

Democratic Governor Kate Brown has not used the authority she has claimed with her state of emergency declarations and executive orders to direct that the OHA must release aggregated statistical data about the relevant scientific and medical facts of COVID-19 in Oregon in response to public records requests.

The Democratic majorities in the Oregon Senate under the leadership of Democratic Sen. Peter Courtney and Democratic Majority Leader Sen. Rob Wagner, and in the Oregon House of Representatives under the leadership of Democratic Speaker Rep. Tina Kotek and Democratic Majority Leader Rep. Barbara Smith Warner have not used their majority power to repeal or amend ORS 433.008 to direct that aggregated statistical data about scientific and medical facts of COVID-19 in Oregon held by the OHA must be released in public records requests.

Aggregated statistical data about scientific and medical facts of COVID-19 in Oregon are essential to the press so they can most fully inform the public. This data is essential to business owners so they can defend their legal rights in Oregon and Federal courts when challenging executive actions by Democratic Governor Kate Brown and legislation by the Democrat-led Legislature defended by claims about COVID-19 in Oregon. This data is essential to the general public so they can make scientifically-sound, evidenced-based health care decisions, and to defend their civil and human rights in Oregon and Federal courts. And this data is essential to individuals so that they can freely decide whether or not to undergo invasive medical procedures, including whether or not to seek vaccination for SARS-CoV-2 with vaccines that only have emergency use approval after dramatically truncated clinical trials.

Sen. President Peter Courtney, Sen. Majority Leader Rob Wagner, House Speaker Rep. Tina Kotek, House Majority Leader Rep. Barbara Smith Warner, and Governor Kate Brown should immediately stop withholding aggregated statistical data about all of the scientific and medical facts of COVID-19 in Oregon from the press and people of Oregon by passing and signing a bill to repeal or amend ORS 433.008 in this one-day special session.