

HB 2478 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Maintains indefinitely the exemption from required disclosure of public records that are subject to lawyer-client privilege and the public records exemption for privileged information.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Public Records Law is primarily a disclosure law and every public record of a public body is subject to inspection, except as expressly provided by statutory exemptions. ORS 192.390 allows certain public records that are more than 25 years old to be available for inspection, except for those records described in ORS 192.398. House Bill 2478 amends ORS 192.398 to also exempt public records that are lawyer-client privileged and exempt from disclosure.