

# Senate Bill 510

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER, Representative BYNUM (at the request of Public Records Advisory Council)  
(Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Public Records Advocate to estimate biennial costs to carry out duties of advocate and to allocate and assess costs among public bodies of state government. Directs advocate to adopt rules establishing methods for allocating and collecting assessments. Credits assessments to Public Records Advocate Fund.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the Public Records Advocate; creating new provisions; amending ORS 192.477; and pre-  
3 scribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) On or before January 1 preceding the start of a biennium, the Public**  
6 **Records Advocate shall estimate the expenses the advocate will incur for the upcoming**  
7 **biennium in carrying out the provisions of ORS 192.461 to 192.475. The advocate shall report**  
8 **the estimate to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal**  
9 **Officer.**

10 **(2) The advocate shall charge an assessment to each public body in state government so**  
11 **as to recoup the costs estimated under subsection (1) of this section. Each public body in**  
12 **state government shall pay to the credit of the advocate the amount the public body was**  
13 **assessed under this subsection as an administrative expense from funds or appropriations**  
14 **available to the public body in the same manner as other claims against the public body are**  
15 **paid.**

16 **(3) The advocate shall adopt rules specifying the method for allocating the expenses de-**  
17 **scribed in subsection (1) of this section among public bodies in state government and for**  
18 **collecting the assessments described in this section.**

19 **(4) As used in this section, "state government" has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
20 **174.111.**

21 **SECTION 2. ORS 192.477 is amended to read:**

22 192.477. (1) The Public Records Advocate Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate  
23 and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Public Records Advocate Fund shall be  
24 credited to the Public Records Advocate Fund.

25 (2) The Public Records Advocate Fund shall consist of:

26 **(a) Moneys collected under section 1 of this 2023 Act;**

27 **(b) Moneys appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly; and**

28 **(c) Interest earnings of the fund.**

29 (3) Moneys in the Public Records Advocate Fund are continuously appropriated to the Public

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Records Advocate for the purpose of funding the operations of the office of the Public Records Ad-  
2 vocate and the Public Records Advisory Council.

3 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2023 Act and ORS 192.477 are added to and made a part of**  
4 **ORS 192.461 to 192.475.**

5 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**  
6 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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