

January 25, 2023

Chair Fahey & Members of the
House Rules Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street, NE
Salem OR, 97301

Chair Fahey and Members of the House Rules Committee:

Thank you for your consideration of this letter from Oregon's Public Records Advisory Council in support of HB 2112, which would update the definitions and terminology used in public records law pertaining to records retention.

The Public Records Advisory Council was established by the Legislative Assembly in 2017 pursuant to SB 106 which also created Oregon's Public Records Advocate. Oregon's Public Records Advisory Council is a bipartisan group of public records experts, selected by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, representing state and local governments, the media, the public, and public sector workforce. The Council's duties include, among other things, recommending changes in law, policy, or practice that could enhance transparency in public process and government, and facilitate rapid dissemination of records to requesters.

The Council received a presentation of this bill by the Secretary of State's office and unanimously felt that including "tribal cultural value" when evaluating public records for retention is an appropriate addition to the current list of values contained in statute.

Thank you for your consideration of our input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Landauer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark J. Landauer
Chair
Oregon Public Records Advisory Council