

# House Bill 4174

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Ben Bowman)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Tells DOJ to study and report on public records. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.5).

Requires the Department of Justice to study public records. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than September 15, 2027.

Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to public records.

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

**SECTION 1. The Department of Justice shall study public records. The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than September 15, 2027.**

**SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

**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.