

Public Records Request

Rick Hangartner

Thu, Jan 29, 2026 at 3:21 PM

To: LC Request <lc.request@oregonlegislature.gov>, Sen Reynolds <Sen.LisaReynolds@oregonlegislature.gov>, Rep.RobNosse@oregonlegislature.gov

Dear Legislative Counsel:

As I've noted previously, the Legislative Counsel webpage says this:

Legislative Counsel

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lc>

... LC drafts all legislative measures and amendments to measures considered by the Legislative Assembly

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On 1/29/2026, the Lund Report published a story that cites HB 4003 and SB 1546 to be introduced in the 2026 Legislative session:

Lawmakers introduce range of health care bills in a session that is clouded by a big budget hole (1/29/2026)

The proposals would change how coverage for low-income residents is managed, give some providers more authority, shore up Planned Parenthood and crack down on AI chatbots

<https://www.thelundreport.org/content/lawmakers-introduce-range-health-care-bills-session-clouded-big-budget-hole>

... create new regulations on AI software companies to protect young people against self-harm

... House Bill 4003 addresses another part of Medicaid management: a cost control program known as the prioritized list of approved services.

... A coalition of providers, medical organizations and experts are pushing to keep the list, saying it is based on scientific evidence and is a transparent and objective way of providing services, and that it helps define medical necessity in a way that reduces waste. Moreover, critics say the federal government guidance is different from how health authority leadership has presented it

... Reynolds, chair of the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health, modeled Senate Bill 1546 after California's law. It would force AI companies to tell users that it is not a human. They would also have to have protocols to detect when a user is thinking about suicide or self harm and urge them to seek help. The lawsuit in a California case claims that ChatGPT actually tried to discourage the boy from talking to his parents about his distress.

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The report about these two bills raises questions about each of them to which Oregonians have the right to know the answers..

I request all records in the LC's possession that the LC massed in the drafting of these two bills, along with information about records of which the LC has knowledge were destroyed or in the custody of others.

It suffices as a response to this request that the LC either submit a statement of either your refusal to provide any records, or the records themselves, to the "Testimony" page for each bill in OLIS:

HB 4003

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Measures/Overview/HB4003>

Testimony

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Measures/Testimony/HB4003>

SB 1546

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Measures/Overview/SB1546>

Teetimony

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Measures/Testimony/SB1546>

For the record, presently I have no position on these two bills, in large part because of the paucity of information about key aspects of them including the interests opposed or in favor.

Also, I have included Sen. Reynolds and Rep. Nosse mentioned in the story as the legislators most associated with these two bills as recipients of this request. I hereby ask both of them to take all necessary steps to allow the LC to submit the requested records to OLIS before the bills receive their first committee hearing on the grounds that the equities here are overwhelmingly in the public interest.

Thank you,
Rick Hangartner

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Leg RecReq <Leg.RecReq@oregonlegislature.gov>

Thu, Jan 29, 2026 at 4:40 PM

Mr. Hangartner,

Regarding your public records request seeking Legislative Counsel records related to HB 4003 and SB 1546: all communication and records between Legislative Counsel and members of the Legislative Assembly are confidential and exempt from public disclosure, per ORS 173.230. That includes, among other things, e-mails or other written communication with Legislative Counsel attorneys and staff, draft measures and amendments, and the materials used to prepare said drafts. Accordingly, there are no records responsive to your request for which an exemption cannot be claimed, and no records will be provided.

Additionally, legislative staff cannot create new records in response to a public records request, but you are welcome to submit this e-mail response to the testimony pages for the bills in question, whenever that option becomes available.

Best,

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Mr. Rick Hangartner

Re: Public Records Request PRR 841

Dear Mr. Hangartner:

Thank you for your public records request. After review, we have determined that there are no records responsive to your request for which an exemption from public disclosure does not apply. Certain records or information within the scope of your request are exempt from disclosure under ORS 173.230. You may seek review of the public body's determination that records or information is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to ORS 192.401, 192.407, 192.411, 192.415, 192.418, 192.422, 192.427 and 192.431.

All fees associated with this request have been waived.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions or concerns about this request.

Very truly yours,

DEXTER A. JOHNSON
Legislative Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dexter A. Johnson".

By
Erin Jansen
Deputy Attorney