

(1) It is the policy of the State of Oregon that public records are accessible to members of the public, with narrow exceptions. Protecting the right of meaningful access to information about government activities insures that Oregonians are informed and able to meaningfully participate in their representative government. Access to information also enables Oregonians to insure that their public servants perform honestly, faithfully and competently. The disclosure provisions of this chapter shall be interpreted liberally to implement this policy.

(2) Exceptions from the public disclosure requirements of this chapter shall be construed narrowly to favor the people's right to know. The legislative assembly intends that any exemptions from public disclosure requirements serve one or more of the following interests:

- (a) To protect the privacy and safety of private individuals;
- (b) To protect the economic affairs of private individuals and entities;
- (c) To protect the public safety;
- (d) To enable the efficient administration of governmental programs, only if administration would be significantly impaired without the exemption.

(3) When enacting a law that will have the effect of exempting public records from mandatory public disclosure, the legislative assembly shall expressly identify the interests that the exemption is necessary to serve, and shall insure that the exemption is no broader than necessary.