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PII Subcommittee meeting - working document and next actions

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Hi Selena -

A little late with this: What follows is a series of items we can include in our statement to the full committee, aimed here to help keep our conversation going.

Thanks -

-Brent

Under Oregon law, personally identifiable information can include a home address, personal telephone numbers, personal email, driver's license, date of birth, social security number, and public employee number. A person's name and employment status with a public employer is not PII.

The Sunshine Committee recommends that the Legislature should:

Strike a balance that generally protects the personal privacy of Oregonians while still allowing release of PII in the public interest.

Refrain from expanding any public records laws exemptions or roll back current access to personal information, and any guarantee that any change to existing law would help speed along public-interest access to PII.

Clarify the existing public-interest balancing test in ORS 192 when it comes to personal information by requiring public agencies to specify why the public interest is not met in deciding to withhold PII.

Establish or affirm that a government body or government official cannot be held liable for the release of PII if they do so in good faith in response to a request under ORS 192 and the public-interest test.

Maintain the existing standards for protecting PII of public-safety employees, and for allowing other public employees to show cause as to why they or a family member residing with them is in danger if the home address, personal telephone number or electronic mail address is available for public inspection. (FYI_The language here is intentionally similar to existing law.)

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