

To: Oregon Sunshine Committee Members
From: Michael Kron, Oregon Sunshine Committee Chair
Re: Discussion draft: recommendation regarding family law exemptions.
Date: March 4, 2020

In general, the Sunshine Committee recommends that similar exemptions should be consolidated and moved into ORS Chapter 192 to the extent practical. Where that is not possible, ORS Chapter 192 should be amended to refer to specific external confidentiality provisions. (For example, ORS 192.355 currently incorporates ORS 25.020(8), but none of the other exemptions listed below is explicitly incorporated into the Public Records Law.)

With respect to certain statutes, the Sunshine Committee makes these further recommendations.

The Legislative Assembly should ensure that ORS 25.260 and ORS 25.792, pertaining to Oregon's child support program, permit adequate disclosure of information that does not permit parties to be identified. This would ensure that meaningful public oversight of the program is possible.

The legislature should also consider narrowing ORS 418.250, which governs some information DHS is authorized to obtain from childcare providers. Specifically, the legislature should ensure that the public can receive information that could help keep children safe. The Committee believes this could be done while still protecting legitimate confidentiality interests, like the privacy of children and families receiving childcare.

List of Exemptions

ORS 25.020	ORS 109.503
ORS 25.260	ORS 109.767
ORS 25.783	ORS 180.320
ORS 25.792	ORS 192.355
ORS 40.255	ORS 409.225
ORS 107.179	ORS 412.094
ORS 107.600	ORS 418.250
ORS 107.785	ORS 418.305
ORS 109.308	ORS 418.642
ORS 109.315	ORS 419B.234
ORS 109.317	ORS 432.250
ORS 109.445	ORS 432.228