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Happy Friday afternoon, chairs.

Having reviewed the exemptions pertaining to regulated health professionals, the Special Projects Subcommittee believes that it would be appropriate for the Sunshine Committee to recommend amendments to these laws that create additional basic transparency for consumers.

At minimum, the legislature should ensure that basic information concerning complaints regulating agencies receive about licensees is readily available, along with information about the result of those complaint. The available information should at least include:

- The fact that a report or complaint was made to the agency about a licensee, and the date of it.
- Category information about the report. For example, did it concern alleged dishonesty, discrimination, inappropriate interpersonal behavior, sexual misconduct, or professional misconduct? Appropriate categories for classifying reports should be further developed in consultation with agencies.
- Basic information about the disposition of the report, including the date of the disposition. Possible outcomes could include that action on the report remains pending, that the report was dismissed, resolved without discipline, resulted in suspension, or resulted in revocation.

In adopting these requirements, the legislature should retain at least the existing level of transparency when discipline is imposed.

Although it is not technically a public records issue, the subcommittee would also recommend that the legislature amend these statutes to ensure that agencies have clear direction and authority to share information about licensee complaints and discipline with licensing agencies in other states. The subcommittee heard powerful testimony indicating that regulated professionals who are disciplined in Oregon are too often able to pick up and move to another state to continue their practice. Unsurprisingly this can result in significant harms, as documented by an in-depth journalistic investigation: <https://www.kgw.com/sickmedicine>.

The subcommittee and I look forward to discussing this recommendation next week at the meeting of the full Sunshine Committee.

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