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2027 RECORDS LEGISLATION

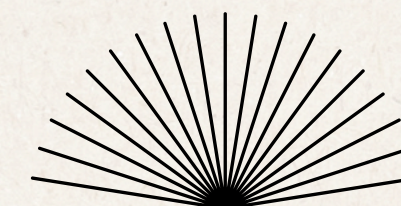
PRAC recommendations to the legislature

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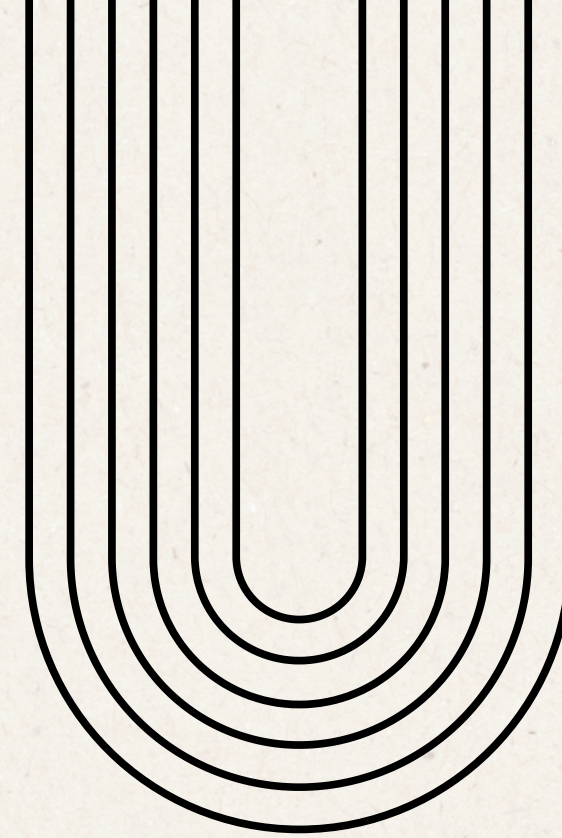


Timeline

PRAC efforts



Communication Concepts



Fee explanation

Requester can ask for a fee explanation



Denial explanation

Requester can have denial of public interest waiver explained



Written procedure

Cannot charge fees without it posted on website, in physical location or upon request

1. Public Records Capacity Grant Program

Establish a recurring, dedicated fund to support staffing, training, and system improvements for public records compliance – prioritizing small, under-resourced and backlogged jurisdictions.

- 01** Structure:
 - Housed in PRA or DOJ office
 - Simple biennial reporting on impacts
 - Use for:
 - Temporary FTE to stand up new tech, for surge events or to eliminate a backlog
 - Purchase new tech
- 02** Funding concepts
 - Through General Fund as core function of democracy
 - Small fee on high volume records (vehicle registration, court records, etc.)
 - Subscription service (see #3)
- 03** Priority given to:
 - Demonstrated backlog
 - small or first-time applicants
 - Evidence of strong public interest fee waiver practices

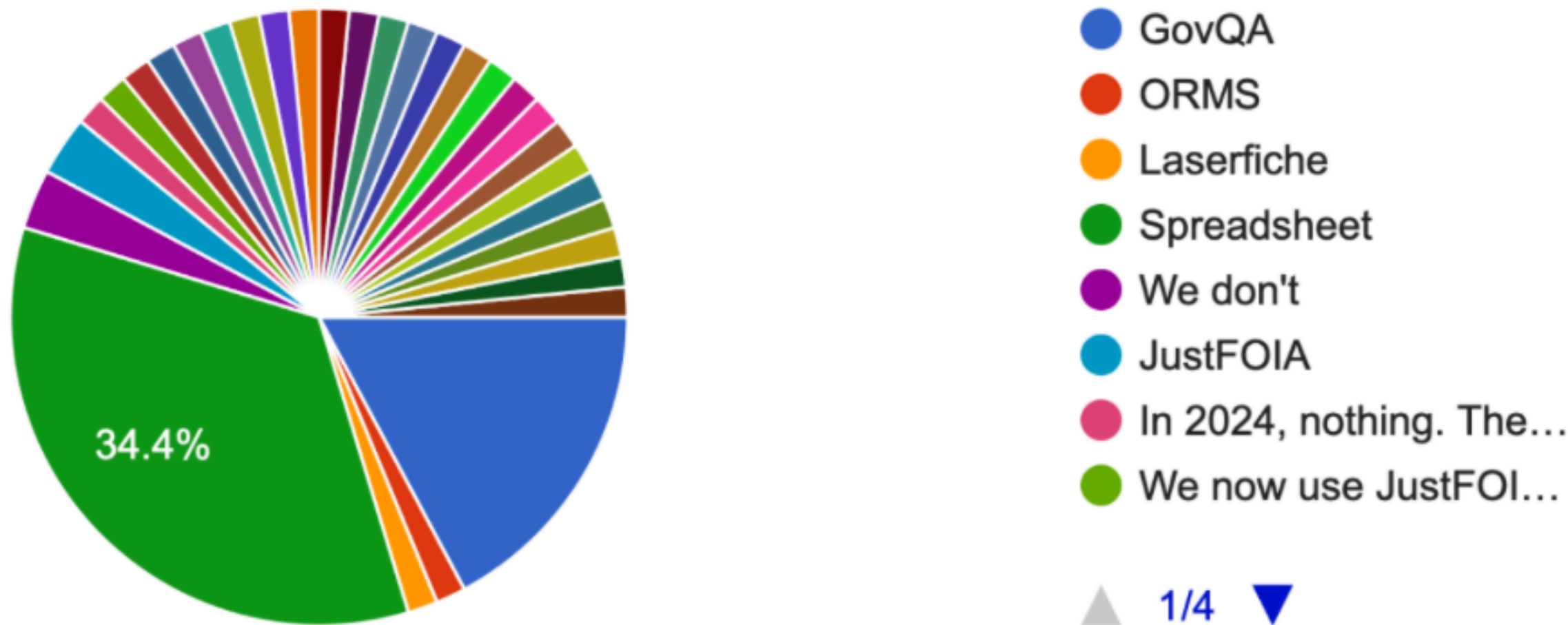
2. Public Records Mutual Aid Program

Similar to the way the Public Records Advocate offers legal support, establish a technical aid program such as a formal “mutual aid” system or “surge response” roster for high-volume or high-profile requests.

- 01** Structure:
 - Housed in PRA
 - Maintain a “strike team” roster
 - Use for:
 - “Safety valve” legal trigger
 - Surge events (sudden public interest)
 - Eliminate a backlog
- 02** Funding concepts:
 - Development of a model MOU - cost sharing between agencies
 - State covers baseline program costs through General Fund as core function of democracy
- 03** PRA develops a model MOU:
 - Staff sharing
 - Cost sharing
 - Trigger criteria

How does your public body track public records requests and its responses? (Please explain if "other")

64 responses



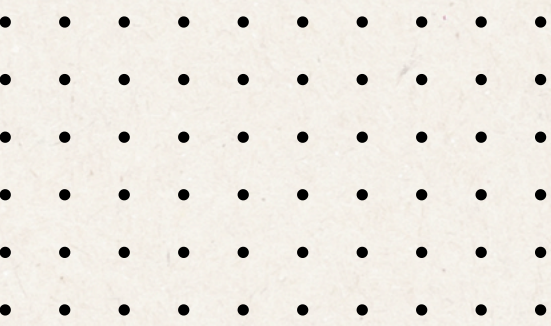
3. Public Records Technology Collaborative

Create a collaborative software licensing program or state-run IT solution for public records disclosure, adding shared tools and services that support the full public records lifecycle – intake, tracking, review, redaction, and distribution. Leverage state contracting purchasing power to modernize records management.

- 01** Structure:
 - Group contract for public records tracking software
 - Alliance/subscription for grants/mutual aid group
 - Develop AI best practices
 - Transparency by Design principles in purchasing
- 02** Funding concepts:
 - Reduce duplicative spend
 - Lowered licensing fees through bulk purchasing
 - Subscriptions
- 03** Start as opt-in pilot:
 - State may already have GovQA contract?
 - Participation in grant

Open Impact Statements

OPEN IMPACT STATEMENTS ON NEW BILLS AFTER PASSING OUT OF COMMITTEE. THEY WERE CREATED BY THE 2015 LEGISLATURE BUT AREN'T INCREDIBLY USEFUL. THREE IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:



The vast majority of legislation does not have an impact on open government. <u>Example</u> .
Open Government Impact Statement <u>page</u> Sort by “Impact”
1.OLIS should let anyone subscribe to all measures with an identified open-government impact, much like one can subscribe to a bill or committee
2.Create an IMPACT “tag” for the bill for the proceeding steps
3.Give the impact statements procedural force - waiting period prior to passage or recorded vote waiving the waiting period
A disclosure document that citizens must repeatedly search for is not an effective warning system.

Thank you

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