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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2017 Session of Oregon Legislature:

HB 2101: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which:

- Sunsets certain exemptions from disclosure for public records.
- Requires Legislative Assembly to review exemptions prior to sunset.
- Requires future exemptions to sunset within six years of date of enactment.

This bill does not address the core deficiencies in the Public Records law and its implementation. It creates no deadlines for public body responses and no limits on fees charged to requesters. Nevertheless, sunsetting and reviewing of existing exemptions by the Oregon Legislature would be a positive step. Under this bill, no existing exemption would sunset before January 2024, about 7 years from now.

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