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### **Legislation to Strengthen Public Records Advisory Council Clears House**

*Legislation eliminates sunset, sets terms for members of the council*

SALEM – Bipartisan legislation to strengthen Oregon’s Public Records Advisory Council, which advises and provides oversight of the Public Records Advocate and develops practices and procedures related to public records, passed the Oregon House of Representatives today. The legislation makes the council, created under 2017 legislation, permanent.

[House Bill 2430](#) eliminates the sunset date on the council, and establishes terms for members of the council. Members who represent news media, cities, counties, special districts, public sector workforce, are appointed by the Governor, House Speaker or Senate President will have two-year terms. The Secretary of State, Attorney General, Director of Oregon Department of Administrative Services, or their respective designees, will have three-year terms.

“The Public Records Advisory Council is key in our efforts to improve our public records law,” said Rep. Karin Power (D-Milwaukie), a chief sponsor of the legislation. “This legislation further builds on the work of the council and ensures it is able to continue its vital mission.”

“For democracy to thrive and for Oregonians to continue to have faith in the institutions that serve them, we must continue our efforts at improving access to records and increasing transparency.”

Joining Rep. Power as a sponsor of the legislation are Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene), Sen. Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer) and Sen. Brian Boquist (R-Dallas).

This legislation furthers Oregon House Democrats’ commitment to ensuring government is responsible and effective by keeping Oregon’s state government fiscally responsible, efficient, transparent, and as effective as possible.

The legislation, which passed the House unanimously, goes to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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