

Secretary Bocker: Vote explanation please. Sen Boquist

“SB 1506 is a minor technical change to status of the Public Records Advocate and Public Records Advisory Council with major impacts. The Public Records Advocate resigned last year due to unethical and undue influence against her advocacy by the Executive Branch. Despite public pronouncements from the Governor and Attorney General both have been factually involved in blocking public records releases. Everyone is entitled their opinions, but those who defended the de facto termination of the Public Records Advocate is appalling for the future of any democracy or republic. Even in this bill process, at the Committee level, majority leadership attempted to kill the bill by sending it to Joint Ways & Means Committee to die even after passage. Joint efforts by all members of the General Government Committee led to the passage of this bill. Senator Riley was instrumental in keeping the bill on course along with Senator MonnesAnderson and Senator Golden. Hopefully, it is not killed in the House.”