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## **Oregon Senate Unanimously Passes Measure to Strengthen Government Transparency**

*Senate Bill 510 ensures adequate funding for the independent Office of the Public  
Records Advocate*

**SALEM, Ore** - This evening, the Oregon Senate voted unanimously to pass [Senate Bill 510](#), which will help ensure that the independent Office of the Public Records Advocate receives the necessary funds to fulfill its mission.

“To have trust, you need transparency. The Office of the Public Records Advocate plays a critical role in fulfilling Oregon’s duty to transparency, but they can’t do the work if they don’t have the funding to do it. I’m proud that we could take action to deliver this simple fix and protect good governance and transparency in our state,” **said Senate Majority Leader and Rules Committee Chair Kate Lieber (D – Beaverton & SW Portland)**.

The Office of the Public Records Advocate was created in 2017 to increase government transparency and ensure accountability for public records requests.

Promoting government transparency and accountability is a key pillar of Senate Democrats’ [2023 Oregon Works Agenda](#).

SB 510 now moves to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

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