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**Senator Winters statement on Governor Brown's
proposed public record limits**

Salem, Ore. - Senate Republican Leader Jackie Winters (R-Salem) has released the following statement in response to Governor Kate Brown's announcement that she is considering new limits on public records requests that include information about state employees. The proposed changes will result in less transparency.

"This is a major step backwards for transparency, and a failure by the Governor to live up to promises made when she took the oath of office. For a government to truly serve the people, it must be transparent, and be accessible to the public."

Brown's staff has asked the Department of Administrative Services to work on proposed legislation enacting new limits in the 2019 session. Until such legislation can be passed, DAS has ordered all agencies to coordinate any large public records requests with the Governor's office, creating barriers to transparency and information the public has a right to.

