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RE: *Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order: Oregon State University*

Dear Mr. Picray:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on February 7, 2001, asks the Attorney General to order Oregon State University (OSU) to make available for inspection the following:

> The total amount of money spent, in each of the past three years, on promotional items for the OSU Parking Services Department, and the source or sources of such money.

Your petition states that you requested the information from the OSU Department of Facilities Services and that your request was denied by Mr. Bill Francis, the assistant director of that department. For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public record of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420. Custodians of public records are required to make those records available for inspection or copying unless the records are exempted from disclosure by statute. ORS 192.430(1). Any person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record may petition the Attorney General to determine whether the record may be withheld from inspection. ORS 192.450(1).

Accordingly, we conclude that the requested records are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. ORS 192.501(3). Therefore, we deny your petition to compel disclosure.

Sincerely,

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