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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Housing and Community Services
DOJ File No.: 914001-GA0133-25

Dear Ms. Giardinelli:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.431. Your petition, dated September 26, 2025, seeks help from the Attorney General in obtaining a response from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to a records request you made on August 5, 2025. For the reasons discussed below, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot.

The Public Records Law confers the right to inspect public records in Oregon, unless such records are exempt under ORS 192.338, 192.345, or 192.355. ORS 192.314(1). Upon receipt of a written public records request by an individual identified in an agency's published procedures for submitting requests, the agency is obligated to respond to the request "as soon as practicable and without unreasonable delay." ORS 192.329(1). An agency that is unable to complete its response within fifteen business days of receiving a written request is required to provide the requester with a reasonable estimated completion date. ORS 192.329(5). A requester may petition the Attorney General if they believe an agency has failed to comply with the processing timelines contained in ORS 192.329. ORS 192.407(1). The agency carries the burden of sustaining its actions. ORS 192.411(1).

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Your petition stems from an August 5, 2025, records request to OHCS seeking a report showing the amount of money OHCS spent on consulting services over a five-year period. Your petition notes that OHCS responded to your request by directing you to contracts that are publicly available through Oregon Buys. On August 29, 2025, you clarified with OHCS that you were not seeking contracts, and you reiterated your request for the report. OHCS did not respond to this clarification, and you filed your petition on September 26. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order OHCS to immediately disclose the records and waive all fees.

We discussed your petition with Janelle Saveedra with OHCS Information Services. She explained that OHCS recently experienced personnel turnover in its public records unit, which led to the delays you experienced. When OHCS received your petition, OHCS generated the report you requested and provided it to you at no cost. You then communicated to us that you received the record you requested. Because OHCS waived its fee and produced the record you requested, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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