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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
DOJ File No.: 259001 GA0166-25

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition for the disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to disclose certain records in response to a request made by you. For the reasons discussed below, we respectfully deny your petition.

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). The law is a disclosure law, and exemptions from disclosure must be express. Any person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to review the record and determine if it may be withheld. ORS 192.411(1). The agency carries the burden to sustain its actions. *Id*.

Your petition stems from an October 31, 2025, public records request to DPSST. Your request sought records concerning DPSST's handling of a professional standards complaint filed by you against multiple law enforcement officers. In response to your records request, DPSST made an initial production of 630 pages of records on November 25, 2025. DPSST then made a supplemental production on December 3, 2025.

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Your petition argues that DPSST should have produced additional records to you including body camera footage. Your petition acknowledges that DPSST does not necessarily have these records in its custody, but you argue that DPSST was obligated to obtain these records from certain law enforcement agencies. We must respectfully deny this portion of your petition. The Public Records Law does not require public bodies to obtain records from other public bodies in response to a public records request. *See* ORS 192.324(1) (a public body "that is the custodian of any public record" must permit inspection). You are, of course, free to send requests directly to the public bodies that are the custodians of these records.

In connection with your petition, we contacted Rebecca Hannon, DPSST's File Maintenance and Control Specialist. She indicated that DPSST has produced all records in its custody responsive to your October 31, 2025, records request. Under the circumstances, we have no reason to second guess DPSST's representation. For this reason, we respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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