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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
*Oregon Judicial Department*
DOJ File No.: 198040 GA0057-26

Dear Mr. Littleton:

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 seeks assistance from the Attorney General in obtaining records you requested from the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

Your petition stems from a records request made by you to OJD dated December 29, 2025, seeking any "bond, surety, fidelity, risk management, or insurance policy held by or on behalf" of various courts, judges, and trial court administrators. OJD responded to you and explained that it was not the custodian of any responsive records. We discussed your petition with Sam Dupree, Senior Assistant General Counsel for OJD, and he explained that these parties are not required to purchase bonds or insurance policies under Oregon law. The only insurance that exists is created by statute and provided by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a separate public body.

Under the circumstances, we have no reason to second-guess Mr. Dupree's representation that the records you seek do not exist. And because we cannot order OJD to disclose records that do not exist, we must respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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