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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission
DOJ File No.: 525203-GA0061-26

Dear Ms. Winn:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition relates to a public records request submitted by you to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). HECC initially denied your request citing ORS 192.345(1) (the litigation exemption). Your petition challenges this "blanket exemption" and asks the Attorney General to order HECC to segregate and disclose any non-exempt portions of the records.

After receiving your petition, HECC reconsidered its position. HECC withdrew its "exemption as applicable to all requested records" and provided you with a fee estimate for costs associated with gathering, reviewing, and segregating the records responsive to your request. Because HECC has withdrawn its objection, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot. You are free, of course, to file a new petition with this office if you wish to contest HECC's subsequent handling of your records request.

Sincerely,

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