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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Bureau of Labor and Industries
DOJ File No.: 839107-GA0169-26

Dear Mr. Richtik:

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 indicates that you did not receive a response to a public records request submitted to the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI). Your petition therefore asks the Attorney General to order BOLI to respond to the request, waive fees, and pay a $200 fine.

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).

You submitted a request to BOLI on August 7, 2026. BOLI acknowledged receipt of your request but then failed to provide any further response. You seek a $200 penalty.

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We contacted Kelsey Dietrick, BOLI's Public Records Manager, regarding your petition. She acknowledged that BOLI failed to respond to your request within fifteen business days. She indicated that BOLI had timely responded to your prior requests but missed the deadline on this particular request due to staffing issues. She explained that BOLI has now conducted a search, notified you that it has no responsive records, and closed your request.

Because BOLI did not respond within the statutorily prescribed timeframe, we are required to treat that failure as a denial under ORS 192.407(1)(a). After recognizing its oversight, however, BOLI promptly completed its response. In light of these circumstances, we decline to exercise our discretion to impose a $200 fine.

Sincerely,

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