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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Department of Human Services
DOJ File No.: 100301-GA0177-26

Dear Mr. Bakke:

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 10, 2026, challenges the Oregon Department of Human Services' (ODHS) claim that certain records are exempt under ORS 192.345(1) (the litigation exemption).

After receiving your petition, ODHS reconsidered its decision and decided to reopen your request. ODHS told you that it needs additional time to calculate its fee and make a determination on your request for a fee waiver. Because ODHS has reopened your request, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot. You are free, of course, to file a new petition after ODHS responds to your request for a fee waiver.

Sincerely,

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