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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Bureau of Labor and Industries
DOJ File No.: 839317-GA0213-26

Dear Mr. Aspiri:

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 timely response to two public records requests submitted to the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI). You ask the Attorney General to review the agency's handling of those requests.

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 your request to BOLI on August 7, 2026. BOLI acknowledged receipt of your requests but was unable to complete either request within fifteen business days. BOLI extended its production deadline to October 9 but also failed to meet that deadline.

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We contacted Kelsey Dietrick, BOLI's Public Records Manager, regarding your petition. She acknowledged the delays. But she explained that BOLI has now completed its response to one of your requests and provided all responsive records. She indicated that your second request is complex and involves multiple divisions. She also stated that during the pendency of the request, there have been staffing issues and personnel absences further contributing to the delay. She explained that BOLI is actively working the remaining request and reached out to you for clarification on the scope of the searches you are requesting, which you provided over the weekend.

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). BOLI has, however, now completed its response to one request and is working with you to clarify the scope of your second request. Under the circumstances, we decline to impose a penalty or order immediate production, but you are free to renew your petition if you believe that BOLI has acted with undue delay in response to your clarified request.

Sincerely,

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