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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Bar
DOJ File No.: 137048-GA0001-26

Dear Ms. Fairstone:

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 on August 5, 2026. Your petition indicates that OSB has not yet provided you with any records. You seek an order compelling production of the records and assessing a $200 fine. For the reasons discussed below, we respectfully deny the petition.

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).

Your petition indicates that you paid OSB a fee for records on August 28, 2026. OSB estimated it would complete the request within 30 business days. Your petition states that OSB did not meet that deadline and failed to respond to your follow-up emails concerning the status of your request.

We reviewed the correspondence between you and OSB regarding your records request, and we contacted Nik Chourey, OSB's Deputy General Counsel, about your petition. He explained that OSB's work was delayed by the large production size (more than 3,700 pages). Mr. Chourey indicated that OSB completed its production on October 22.

The correspondence demonstrates that OSB did not provide you with a revised estimated completion date after the initial deadline expired, which we are required to treat as a denial under ORS 192.407(1)(a). Nonetheless, the delays appear attributable to the substantial volume or responsive records, and OSB has now completed its response. We therefore decline to impose a penalty and respectfully deny your petition. See ORS 192.407(3).

Sincerely,

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