PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST: THE CLOUDFLARE CHALLENGE ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC RECORDS ORDERS

TO	Public Records Officer, State of Oregon Law Library
FROM	Robert Samuel White
DATE	November 21, 2026
RE	Public records request under ORS 192.314

To the Public Records Officer, State of Oregon Law Library:

Under ORS 192.314, I request the following public records of the State of Oregon Law Library. They concern the Cloudflare challenge put in front of the library's collection of the Attorney General's public records orders this month.

Background. The State of Oregon Law Library publishes each of the Attorney General's public records orders as a separate document in its digital collection "Attorney General's Public Records Orders," at cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org, a site hosted for the library by OCLC, Inc.[1] On November 3, 2026, that address answered the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine with HTTP status 200.[2] On November 20, 2026, it refused a request made by a program: HTTP status 403, with a Cloudflare challenge.[3] Between those two days, a Cloudflare challenge was put in front of the collection. This request calls that "the change," whoever asked for it and whoever made it.

Records requested. Each item reaches every record that concerns the change, whenever the record was made. For records that concern the collection and not the change, the period is November 1, 2026, to the date of search:

1. Every ticket, support case, service request, change request, order, and communication between the State of Oregon Law Library and OCLC, Inc., Cloudflare, Inc., any other vendor, or any office of the Oregon Judicial Department, including its information technology staff, concerning the collection "Attorney General's Public Records Orders," the address cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org, the change, or any other change, made or proposed, to how the collection or the library's site at that address is reached, including its DNS records, Cloudflare, a challenge, a firewall or access rule, a rate limit, or a block, and including every such record that uses the word "bot," "crawler," "scraper," "scraping," "harvesting," "automated," or "traffic."
2. Every notice, announcement, release note, and message from OCLC, Inc., received at any time, about the change, or about putting Cloudflare or a challenge in front of the sites OCLC, Inc. hosts.
3. Every email, Microsoft Teams chat or channel message, text message, memorandum, note, and calendar entry sent or received by any employee of the State of Oregon Law Library, concerning the same collection, address, or change.
4. Every communication between the State of Oregon Law Library and the Oregon Department of Justice, or any other person outside the library, concerning the collection, the publication of the Attorney General's public records orders in it, or access to it.

5. Every record that shows who asked for the change, who approved it, who made it, when each of them acted, and when the State of Oregon Law Library first learned of it.

Custody. Records sent from or received by State of Oregon Law Library accounts are records of the State of Oregon Law Library, wherever they are stored, including systems maintained by the Oregon Judicial Department, including the records of any search that office conducts. If you believe another public body is the custodian of any responsive record, please identify that custodian and the basis for the determination in writing, rather than closing the request (ORS 192.311).

The search. Please provide, with the records, the records the search itself produces: the log, report, or audit trail that the system or tool used to search creates, showing what was searched, the terms and date range applied, when the search ran, who ran it, and what it returned. That record is the minimum standard of care for any search for public records, and the record of this search is part of this request. If no records are found for any item, please provide the record of the search that found none.

Format and correspondence. Under ORS 192.324(3), please provide records in their native electronic format with metadata intact, by email or secure link, on a rolling basis as they are ready. Please conduct all correspondence about this request by email, including acknowledgments, estimates, and payment instructions. Under ORS 192.324(1), this letter is a complete written request. It does not need to be resubmitted on a form.

Exemptions. For any record or portion withheld, please identify the record, the specific exemption claimed, and how it applies to that record (ORS 192.329, 192.338). Please segregate and release nonexempt portions.

Timeline. Please acknowledge this request within five business days and give an estimated completion date as required by ORS 192.324 and 192.329.

Preservation. Please preserve all records responsive to this request while it and any review of it are pending.

Respectfully,

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openrecordsoregon.org
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Sources

1. Attorney General's Public Records Orders, State of Oregon Law Library. https://cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p17027coll2
2. Internet Archive Wayback Machine, capture of a file in another of the library's collections at the same address (p17027coll5), November 3, 2026, 14:06:04 UTC, answered with HTTP status 200. https://web.archive.org/web/20261103140604/https://cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/api/collection/p17027coll5/id/41610/download
3. My request to https://cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org/, November 20, 2026, 9:57 PM Pacific: "HTTP/2 403", "server: cloudflare", "cf-mitigated: challenge". The address resolved that day to 104.18.39.157 and 172.64.148.99.