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SUMMARY

Requires each state agency to report to Attorney General, Public Records Advocate and public records subcommittee of Legislative Counsel Committee on number of public records requests received during preceding year, and number of those requests still outstanding after specified periods of time. Requires each state agency to include in report specified information on fee waivers and reductions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to state agency accountability for public records law compliance.

3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

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4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part 5 of ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

6 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) On or before March 1 of each year, each state 7 agency shall submit to the Attorney General, the Public Records Ad-8 vocate and the public records subcommittee of the Legislative Counsel 9 Committee a report for the preceding calendar year that includes:

(a) The number of requests for records received by the agency in
 accordance with the public records policy applicable to the agency;

(b) The number of requests for records received by the agency as
reported in paragraph (a) of this subsection for which the agency had
not completed its response by the date prescribed under ORS 192.329;

(c) The number of requests for records received by the agency as
 reported in paragraph (a) of this subsection that had not been com pleted under ORS 192.329 within 60 days of the date the requests were

18 received by the agency in accordance with the agency's public records NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type. 1 policy; and

2 (d) The number of requests for a fee waiver or reduction that the
3 agency has granted and the number of requests for a fee waiver or
4 reduction that the agency has denied.

5 (2) As used in this section, "state agency" does not include the 6 legislative branch or the judicial branch.

SECTION 3. Reports described in section 2 of this 2019 Act shall first
be filed on or before March 1, 2021, for reporting information for the
2020 calendar year.

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