

RIGHT TO KNOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT AGENDA

May 25, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Room 438, State House, Augusta

Convene

1. Welcome and Introductions
Senator Barry Hobbins, Chair
2. Chairs, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
Senator Lawrence Bliss
Representative Charles Priest
3. Summary of Second Regular Session, 124th Legislature's FOA actions in 2010
 - RTK AC recommendations
 - LD 1791, An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Records of Public Proceedings (Resolve 2009, c. 186: Resolve, Directing the Right To Know Advisory Committee To Further Examine Requirements That Public Bodies Keep Records of Public Proceedings)
 - LD 1792, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee (PL 2009, c. 567)
 - Proposed public records exceptions
4. Existing exceptions review process (Titles 22 - 25, recommendations due January 2012)
5. Requests from Legislature
 - Public Law 2009, c. 567, Sec. 11
Bulk records requests (SLG letter to CIO Thompson to convene a group on this issue, too)
Richard B. Thompson, Chief Information Officer
 - Resolve 2009, c. 171 (LD 1551)
 - Use of communication technologies to ensure decisions are made in public proceedings
 - Penalties for violations
 - Partisan caucuses
 - Resolve 2009, c. 186 (LD 1791)
Requirement that public bodies keep records of meetings
 - Resolve 2009, c. 184 (LD 1802)
Protection of private information in electronic and other communications sent and received by public officials, particularly between elected officials and their constituents
 - Review FAME exceptions? (removed from LD 1792 by JUD)
 - Judiciary Committee: Title 1, Section 434 lists only public records exceptions as subject matter to be reviewed; should that be expanded to include any aspect of law that restricts access to otherwise public records? (LD 1554: can the price charged for copies of public records be so high that public access is constructively limited? PL 2009, c. 575)
 - Judiciary Committee: LD 1627 rewrote the Central Voter Registry confidentiality provisions with Title 21-A. The Judiciary Committee is interested in an analysis of the information contained in the CVR, what is entirely confidential, what can be released for limited purposes and what is completely public.

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6. Continuing projects
 - Criminal History Record Information Action (CHRIA) - working with CLAC
 - Social Security Numbers
 - Use of technology in public proceedings (member participation from remote locations)
 - Bulk electronic data (see PL 2009, c. 257, section 11 on same topic)
7. Law School Externship - update
8. Education and training for elected public officials - discussion
9. Scheduling future meetings, subcommittee meetings
10. Other?

Adjourn

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