

Senate Bill 679

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (at the request of RADM Edward Nelson, Jr., USCG (Ret))

SUMMARY

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Prohibits disclosure of discharge papers of veterans that have been filed with county clerk.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to veterans; amending ORS 192.502 and 408.420; and declaring an emergency.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 408.420 is amended to read:

4 408.420. [*Each county clerk shall maintain in the office a special book in which the county clerk*
5 *shall, upon request, record the final discharge of any war veteran. No recording fee shall be collected*
6 *when the war veteran requesting such record is an actual resident of said county or was such a resi-*
7 *dent at the time of entrance into the service of the United States. In all other cases a legal fee shall*
8 *be charged. There shall be kept in connection with such record, an alphabetical index referring to the*
9 *name of the soldier, sailor or marine whose name appears in each discharge paper so recorded. Such*
10 *books as are necessary for the recording of the discharge papers shall be paid for by the several*
11 *counties in the manner provided for paying other claims against the county.] (1) **Any veteran may***

12 **file the veteran's discharge papers or a copy of those papers with the county clerk. The**

13 **county clerk shall keep a separate record of those filings. The county clerk may not charge**

14 **a fee for filings under this section if the veteran is a resident of the county at the time of**

15 **filing or was a resident at the time the veteran entered military service. The county clerk**

16 **shall keep an alphabetical index of the names of veterans who file discharge papers or copies**

17 **of discharge papers under this section.**

18 (2) **Discharge papers or copies of discharge papers filed under this section may be dis-**

19 **closed by the county clerk only to:**

20 (a) **The veteran whose name appears on the discharge papers;**

21 (b) **A guardian, conservator or other legal representative for the veteran;**

22 (c) **A personal representative, trustee or other legal representative for the estate of the**

23 **veteran;**

24 (d) **A service officer appointed under ORS 408.410;**

25 (e) **The Department of Veterans' Affairs; or**

26 (f) **A person with written authorization from the veteran.**

27 **SECTION 2.** ORS 192.502 is amended to read:

28 192.502. The following public records are exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505:

29 (1) Communications within a public body or between public bodies of an advisory nature to the

30 extent that they cover other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to any final agency

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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 determination of policy or action. This exemption shall not apply unless the public body shows that
2 in the particular instance the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials
3 and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

4 (2) Information of a personal nature such as but not limited to that kept in a personal, medical
5 or similar file, if public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy, unless the
6 public interest by clear and convincing evidence requires disclosure in the particular instance. The
7 party seeking disclosure shall have the burden of showing that public disclosure would not consti-
8 tute an unreasonable invasion of privacy.

9 (3) Public body employee or volunteer addresses, Social Security numbers, dates of birth and
10 telephone numbers contained in personnel records maintained by the public body that is the em-
11 ployer or the recipient of volunteer services. This exemption:

12 (a) Does not apply to the addresses, dates of birth and telephone numbers of employees or vol-
13 unteers who are elected officials, except that a judge or district attorney subject to election may
14 seek to exempt the judge's or district attorney's address or telephone number, or both, under the
15 terms of ORS 192.445;

16 (b) Does not apply to employees or volunteers to the extent that the party seeking disclosure
17 shows by clear and convincing evidence that the public interest requires disclosure in a particular
18 instance;

19 (c) Does not apply to a substitute teacher as defined in ORS 342.815 when requested by a pro-
20 fessional education association of which the substitute teacher may be a member; and

21 (d) Does not relieve a public employer of any duty under ORS 243.650 to 243.782.

22 (4) Information submitted to a public body in confidence and not otherwise required by law to
23 be submitted, where such information should reasonably be considered confidential, the public body
24 has obliged itself in good faith not to disclose the information, and when the public interest would
25 suffer by the disclosure.

26 (5) Information or records of the Department of Corrections, including the State Board of Parole
27 and Post-Prison Supervision, to the extent that disclosure would interfere with the rehabilitation of
28 a person in custody of the department or substantially prejudice or prevent the carrying out of the
29 functions of the department, if the public interest in confidentiality clearly outweighs the public in-
30 terest in disclosure.

31 (6) Records, reports and other information received or compiled by the Director of the Depart-
32 ment of Consumer and Business Services in the administration of ORS chapters 723 and 725 not
33 otherwise required by law to be made public, to the extent that the interests of lending institutions,
34 their officers, employees and customers in preserving the confidentiality of such information out-
35 weighs the public interest in disclosure.

36 (7) Reports made to or filed with the court under ORS 137.077 or 137.530.

37 (8) Any public records or information the disclosure of which is prohibited by federal law or
38 regulations.

39 (9) Public records or information the disclosure of which is prohibited or restricted or otherwise
40 made confidential or privileged under Oregon law.

41 (10) Public records or information described in this section, furnished by the public body ori-
42 ginally compiling, preparing or receiving them to any other public officer or public body in con-
43 nection with performance of the duties of the recipient, if the considerations originally giving rise
44 to the confidential or exempt nature of the public records or information remain applicable.

45 (11) Records of the Energy Facility Siting Council concerning the review or approval of security

1 programs pursuant to ORS 469.530.

2 (12) Employee and retiree address, telephone number and other nonfinancial membership records
3 and employee financial records maintained by the Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to
4 ORS chapters 238 and 238A.

5 (13) Records submitted by private persons or businesses to the State Treasurer or the Oregon
6 Investment Council relating to proposed acquisition, exchange or liquidation of public investments
7 under ORS chapter 293 may be treated as exempt from disclosure when and only to the extent that
8 disclosure of such records reasonably may be expected to substantially limit the ability of the
9 Oregon Investment Council to effectively compete or negotiate for, solicit or conclude such trans-
10 actions. Records which relate to concluded transactions are not subject to this exemption.

11 (14) The monthly reports prepared and submitted under ORS 293.761 and 293.766 concerning the
12 Public Employees Retirement Fund and the Industrial Accident Fund may be uniformly treated as
13 exempt from disclosure for a period of up to 90 days after the end of the calendar quarter.

14 (15) Reports of unclaimed property filed by the holders of such property to the extent permitted
15 by ORS 98.352.

16 (16) The following records, communications and information submitted to the Oregon Economic
17 and Community Development Commission, the Economic and Community Development Department,
18 the State Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Growth Account Board, the Port of Portland or
19 other ports, as defined in ORS 777.005, by applicants for investment funds, loans or services includ-
20 ing, but not limited to, those described in ORS 285A.224:

21 (a) Personal financial statements.

22 (b) Financial statements of applicants.

23 (c) Customer lists.

24 (d) Information of an applicant pertaining to litigation to which the applicant is a party if the
25 complaint has been filed, or if the complaint has not been filed, if the applicant shows that such
26 litigation is reasonably likely to occur; this exemption does not apply to litigation which has been
27 concluded, and nothing in this paragraph shall limit any right or opportunity granted by discovery
28 or deposition statutes to a party to litigation or potential litigation.

29 (e) Production, sales and cost data.

30 (f) Marketing strategy information that relates to applicant's plan to address specific markets
31 and applicant's strategy regarding specific competitors.

32 (17) Records, reports or returns submitted by private concerns or enterprises required by law
33 to be submitted to or inspected by a governmental body to allow it to determine the amount of any
34 transient lodging tax payable and the amounts of such tax payable or paid, to the extent that such
35 information is in a form which would permit identification of the individual concern or enterprise.
36 Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made of such information for regulatory
37 purposes or its admissibility in any enforcement proceedings. The public body shall notify the tax-
38 payer of the delinquency immediately by certified mail. However, in the event that the payment or
39 delivery of transient lodging taxes otherwise due to a public body is delinquent by over 60 days, the
40 public body shall disclose, upon the request of any person, the following information:

41 (a) The identity of the individual concern or enterprise that is delinquent over 60 days in the
42 payment or delivery of the taxes.

43 (b) The period for which the taxes are delinquent.

44 (c) The actual, or estimated, amount of the delinquency.

45 (18) All information supplied by a person under ORS 151.485 for the purpose of requesting ap-

1 pointed counsel, and all information supplied to the court from whatever source for the purpose of
2 verifying the financial eligibility of a person pursuant to ORS 151.485.

3 (19) Workers' compensation claim records of the Department of Consumer and Business Services,
4 except in accordance with rules adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Busi-
5 ness Services, in any of the following circumstances:

6 (a) When necessary for insurers, self-insured employers and third party claim administrators to
7 process workers' compensation claims.

8 (b) When necessary for the director, other governmental agencies of this state or the United
9 States to carry out their duties, functions or powers.

10 (c) When the disclosure is made in such a manner that the disclosed information cannot be used
11 to identify any worker who is the subject of a claim.

12 (d) When a worker or the worker's representative requests review of the worker's claim record.

13 (20) Sensitive business records or financial or commercial information of the Oregon Health and
14 Science University that is not customarily provided to business competitors.

15 (21) Records of Oregon Health and Science University regarding candidates for the position of
16 president of the university.

17 (22) The records of a library, including circulation records, showing use of specific library ma-
18 terial by a named person or consisting of the name of a library patron together with the address
19 or telephone number, or both, of the patron.

20 (23) The following records, communications and information obtained by the Housing and Com-
21 munity Services Department in connection with the department's monitoring or administration of
22 financial assistance or of housing or other developments:

23 (a) Personal and corporate financial statements and information, including tax returns.

24 (b) Credit reports.

25 (c) Project appraisals.

26 (d) Market studies and analyses.

27 (e) Articles of incorporation, partnership agreements and operating agreements.

28 (f) Commitment letters.

29 (g) Project pro forma statements.

30 (h) Project cost certifications and cost data.

31 (i) Audits.

32 (j) Project tenant correspondence.

33 (k) Personal information about a tenant.

34 (L) Housing assistance payments.

35 (24) Raster geographic information system (GIS) digital databases, provided by private forestland
36 owners or their representatives, voluntarily and in confidence to the State Forestry Department,
37 that is not otherwise required by law to be submitted.

38 (25) Sensitive business, commercial or financial information furnished to or developed by a
39 public body engaged in the business of providing electricity or electricity services, if the information
40 is directly related to a transaction described in ORS 261.348, or if the information is directly related
41 to a bid, proposal or negotiations for the sale or purchase of electricity or electricity services, and
42 disclosure of the information would cause a competitive disadvantage for the public body or its re-
43 tail electricity customers. This subsection does not apply to cost-of-service studies used in the de-
44 velopment or review of generally applicable rate schedules.

45 (26) Sensitive business, commercial or financial information furnished to or developed by the

1 City of Klamath Falls, acting solely in connection with the ownership and operation of the Klamath
 2 Cogeneration Project, if the information is directly related to a transaction described in ORS 225.085
 3 and disclosure of the information would cause a competitive disadvantage for the Klamath
 4 Cogeneration Project. This subsection does not apply to cost-of-service studies used in the develop-
 5 ment or review of generally applicable rate schedules.

6 (27) Personally identifiable information about customers of a municipal electric utility or a
 7 people’s utility district. The utility or district may, however, release such information to a third
 8 party if the customer consents in writing or electronically, if the disclosure is necessary to render
 9 utility or district services to the customer, or if the disclosure is required pursuant to a court order.
 10 The utility or district may charge as appropriate for the costs of providing such information. The
 11 utility or district may make customer records available to third party credit agencies on a regular
 12 basis in connection with the establishment and management of customer accounts or in the event
 13 such accounts are delinquent.

14 (28) A record of the street and number of an employee’s address submitted to a special district
 15 to obtain assistance in promoting an alternative to single occupant motor vehicle transportation.

16 (29) Sensitive business records, capital development plans or financial or commercial information
 17 of Oregon Corrections Enterprises that is not customarily provided to business competitors.

18 (30) Documents, materials or other information submitted to the Director of the Department of
 19 Consumer and Business Services in confidence by a state, federal, foreign or international regulatory
 20 or law enforcement agency or by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates
 21 or subsidiaries under ORS 646.380 to 646.396, 697.005 to 697.095, 697.602 to 697.842, 705.137, 717.200
 22 to 717.320, 717.900 or 717.905, ORS chapter 59, 722, 723, 725 or 726, the Bank Act or the Insurance
 23 Code when:

24 (a) The document, material or other information is received upon notice or with an under-
 25 standing that it is confidential or privileged under the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of
 26 the document, material or other information; and

27 (b) The director has obligated the Department of Consumer and Business Services not to dis-
 28 close the document, material or other information.

29 (31) A county elections security plan developed and filed under ORS 254.074.

30 (32) Information about review or approval of programs relating to the security of:

31 (a) Generation, storage or conveyance of:

32 (A) Electricity;

33 (B) Gas in liquefied or gaseous form;

34 (C) Hazardous substances as defined in ORS 453.005 (7)(a), (b) and (d);

35 (D) Petroleum products;

36 (E) Sewage; or

37 (F) Water.

38 (b) Telecommunication systems, including cellular, wireless or radio systems.

39 (c) Data transmissions by whatever means provided.

40 **(33) Discharge papers and copies of discharge papers filed with a county clerk under ORS**
 41 **408.420.**

42 **SECTION 3. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
 43 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
 44 **on its passage.**