

**RIGHT TO KNOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Bulk Records Subcommittee**

AGENDA  
September 10, 2013  
10:00 a.m.  
Room 438, State House, Augusta

**Convene**

1. Subcommittee name change
2. Topics of discussion

Technical Public Policy Issues:

- a. Whether the payment in advance threshold of 1 MRSA § 408-A(10) ought to be lowered, at least in some cases;
- b. As a matter of transparency, whether persons making FOA requests should be able to do so anonymously;
- c. Whether the FOAA ought to be able to be used as an additional tool of discovery when a formal adjudicatory proceedings is already pending;
- d. Whether the FOAA ought to focus solely on the public accessibility of records, and not on the public accessibility of information;

Practical Public Policy Issues:

- e. “Abuse” of the Freedom of Access Act (FOAA);
- f. Whether restrictions should be placed on requesters;
- g. The unintended, adverse impacts of the FOAA (for example, on the preservation of historical information and on the efficiency of communications in government);
- h. Whether FOAA requests made for commercial purposes ought to be subject to the fee restrictions of 1 MRSA § 408-A(8).

Privacy of Citizens’ Personal Information Included in Public Records  
(overlapping issue with the Legislative Subcommittee):

- i. Whether government records containing personal information about private citizens ought to be generally protected from public disclosure
3. Next steps
  2. Scheduling future subcommittee meetings
  3. Other

**Adjourn**