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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 9:00 AM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011 **Room 438, State House, Augusta, Maine**

Bulk Records Subcommittee: Key Policy Issues and Questions

The Bulk Records Subcommittee of the Right to Know Advisory Committee is seeking input from State and municipal government agencies and other interested parties regarding the application of the freedom of access laws to requests for bulk data. The Subcommittee has identified several key policy issues and questions relating to bulk record and is soliciting comments on the questions below from governmental entities and others who are affected by bulk data requests.

The Bulk Records Subcommittee will hold a hearing to receive public comment on these issues on Friday, October 14th at 9:00 am in Room 438, State House, Augusta, Maine. You are also invited to respond to any of the questions below in writing. Please submit written comments through staff: margaret.reinsch@legislature.maine.gov or colleen.mccarthyreid@legislature.maine.gov. For more information, contact staff at (207) 287-1670.

1. What is bulk data and how should it be defined?
2. What is the appropriate method of determining the cost that a requestor must pay for bulk data?
3. Should a requestor of bulk data be entitled to the records in the format and type of access requested? Should a distinction be made between a requestor seeking access to records and a requestor seeking ownership of records?
4. Should the law distinguish between bulk data requests of public records for commercial purposes versus requests for noncommercial purposes?

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