

RIGHT TO KNOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Legislative Subcommittee

Proposed Agenda
Monday, October 29, 2007 9:30 a.m.
Room 438, State House

Welcome and introductions

1. Review of LD 1881

LD 1881, An Act To Improve Transparency and Accountability in Government

The Judiciary Committee carried over LD 1881 and requested that the Right to Know Advisory Committee review LD 1881 and report back to the Judiciary Committee with recommendations. Sen. Carol Weston, the sponsor of LD 1881, has been invited to discuss the bill with the subcommittee.

2. Review of existing public records exceptions

- Responses to questionnaires
- Process

3. Review of subcommittee charge

Legislative subcommittee: To be responsible for duties outlined in Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraphs E, F, G and H.

E. Shall serve as a resource for the review committee under subchapter 1-A in examining public records exceptions in both existing laws and in proposed legislation;

F. Shall examine inconsistencies in statutory language and may recommend standardized language in the statutes to clearly delineate what information is not public and the circumstances under which that information may appropriately be released;

G. May make recommendations for changes in the statutes to improve the laws and may make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and local and regional governmental entities with regard to best practices in providing the public access to records and proceedings and to maintain the integrity of the freedom of access laws and their underlying principles. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters may report out legislation based on the advisory committee's recommendations; and

H. Shall serve as an adviser to the Legislature when legislation affecting public access is considered.

4. Additional matters

Adjourn

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