

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize the City Attorney to institute legal proceedings against Clark County, Washington, to seek an injunction prohibiting the release of City records without further redaction. (Resolution)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The City of Portland has been notified by the Clark County, WA, Sheriff’s Office that a confidential Portland Police Bureau report involving child abuse allegations is the subject of a pending public records request there. Clark County is obliged to disclose the records under Washington law; however, Portland is committed to protecting the confidentiality of records involving child abuse victims. The only remedy in this case is to institute legal proceedings in the State of Washington against Clark County to seek an injunction to prohibit the release of the City of Portland’s confidential records without redactions to protect the victim’s privacy.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are minimal financial impacts. Any filing fees or litigation expenses will be minor and not require a budget amendment.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The City of Portland is committed to protecting the confidentiality of records involving child abuse victims in conjunction with the applicable laws of the State of Oregon. Community involvement is unnecessary.

100% Renewable Goal:

NA

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount