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

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