

HB 1758-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises public disclosure law.

Requires each state and local agency to appoint and publicly identify a public records officer whose responsibility is to serve as a point of contact for members of the public in requesting disclosure of public records and to oversee the agency's compliance with the public records disclosure requirements of this act. A state or local agency's public records officer may appoint an employee or official of another agency as its public records officer.

Requires the attorney general, by February 1, 2006, to adopt by rule an advisory model rule for state and local agencies, as defined in RCW 42.17.020, addressing the following subjects: (1) Providing fullest assistance to requestors;

(2) Fulfilling large requests in the most efficient manner;

(3) Fulfilling requests for electronic records; and

(4) Any other issues pertaining to public disclosure as determined by the attorney general.