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Subject: RE: Correspondence from the Right to Know Advisory Committee
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This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Hello Lindsay,

I know I am beyond the deadline but I did want to respond to this.

We are putting a bill in from IFW to try to address requests for large lists of data that is clearly for commercial resale to help advertise a business. They ask for a whole list of 100's of thousands of names and their contact information for boat, ATV or snowmobile registrations or for hunting or fishing licenses. We have a policy that guides our staff to charge .03 cents per name \$5 for a lookup for just a few records when FOAA isn't cited but when someone specifically cites FOAA we provide the information free if it takes less than 2 hours.

We also have some requestors who know they want multiple sets of information and make an initial request and then when we respond and they don't get what they want they say they want to make a new request multiple times. We charge the \$25/hour but when they say they're making a "new" request do we use the 2 hours free of charge again so they basically continue to get free FOAA searches? These are some examples that have been very time consuming and frustrating for us.

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Subject: Correspondence from the Right to Know Advisory Committee

Dear State Agency FOAA Contacts,

I am following up on the Right to Know Advisory Committee's survey requesting information about public records requests that are burdensome or an abuse of the Freedom of Access Act process. If you have any questions about the survey or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me or my colleague, Colleen McCarthy Reid (Colleen.McCarthyReid@legislature.maine.gov). Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Dear State Agency FOAA Contacts,

On behalf of the Right to Know Advisory Committee, I am sharing the following correspondence:

1. A letter related to the statutory requirements for executive sessions pursuant to Title 1, section 405, subsection 4; and
2. A survey requesting information about public records requests that are burdensome or an abuse of the Freedom of Access Act process.

Please reach out to me or my colleague, Lindsay Laxon (Lindsay.laxon@legislature.maine.gov), if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your consideration, Colleen

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