

Public Records Act Disclosure
Attorney General Opinions and Attorney General Letter Opinions*

Date	Opinion	Description-PRA Records Issue	Link
01/16/1973	AGLO 1973 No. 9	Initiative No. 276 – Reports of Financial Interest - Public Records	AGLO 1973 No. 9
01/19/1973	AGO 1973 No. 4	Districts-School-Public Records-Salary- Access to School District Payroll Records	AGO 1973 No. 4
04/16/1973	AGO 1973 No. 10	Districts-Schools-Public-Records- Students-Parental Access to School District Records Relating to Students	AGO 1973 No. 10
10/15/1973	AGLO 1973 No. 99	Initiative No. 276-Public Records-Fees- Corporations	AGLO No. 99
12/12/1973	AGLO 1973 No. 113	Public Utility District Initiative No. 276— Records	AGLO No. 1973
03/01/1974	AGLO 1974 No. 24	Initiative 276 – Administrative Code – Offices and Officers – State Women’s Council	AGLO 1974 No. 24
04/07/1975	AGLO 1975 No. 38	Access to List of Individuals	AGLO 1975 No. 38
07/17/1975	AGO 1975 No. 15	Access to List of Individuals Under Initiative No. 276	AGO 1975 No. 15
11/24/1975	AGLO 1975 No. 90	Districts – Schools – Substitute Teachers	AGLO 1975 No. 90
03/25/1976	AGLO 1976 No. 24	Access to Police Records Under Initiative No. 276	AGLO 1976 No. 24
06/28/1976	AGLO 1976 No. 42	Disclosure of Tax Records to State Patrol- Public Records	AGLO 1976 No. 42
07/28/1976	AGLO 1976 No. 47	Initiative 276 – Public Records – Department of Revenue’s Access to Certain Liquor Control Board Records	AGLO 1976 No 47

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09/15/1976	AGLO 1976 No. 57	Initiative 276-Counties-Cities and Towns-Police Records Under the Initiative	AGLO 1976 No. 57
05/25/1977	AGLO 1977 No. 21	Offices and Officers County Assessor Taxation Property Public Records-Access to Comparable Leases	AGLO 1977 No. 21
01/03/1980	AGO 1980 No. 1	Public Access to Property Tax Assessment Rolls	AGO 1980 No. 1
05/17/1983	AGO 1983 No. 9	Access to Certain Records of Public Utility Districts Under State Public Disclosure Law	AGO 1983 No. 9
05/09/1986	AGO 1986 No. 7	Authority of State Agency to Require Production of Information for Tax Research – Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information	AGO 1986 No. 7
12/17/1987	AGO 1987 No. 28	Regulation or Prohibition of Handguns or Other Firearms by City and County Law Enforcement – Public Disclosure of Concealed Weapon Permit Applications	AGO 1987 No. 28
06/8/1988	AGO 1988 No. 12	Public Disclosure-Privacy-Confidential Income Information	AGO 1988 No. 12
05/25/1989	AGO 1989 No. 11	Public Records-Counties-Municipal Corporations-Municipal Bonds	AGO 1989 No. 11
02/13/1991	AGO 1991 No. 5	Public Record-Corporations-Small Business Export Finance Assistance	AGO 1991 No. 5
02/27/1991	AGO 1991 No. 6	Public Records – Initiative No. 276	AGO 1991 No. 6
06/04/1992	AGO 1992 No. 9	Public Disclosure of Records of Substitute Care Citizen Review Boards	AGO 1992 No. 9

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03/31/1994	AGO 1994 No. 5	State Auditor May Require Legislature to Maintain Detailed Telephone Records for Audit	AGO 1994 No. 5
03/13/1997	AGO 1997 No. 2	Public Records – Department of Health – Authority of State Records Committee to Set Retention Period for Certain Records Produced by Department of Health	AGO 1997 No. 2
01/27/1998	AGO 1998 No. 2	Authority of Public Agencies to Allow Inspection and Copying of List of Individuals	AGO 1998 No. 2
06/13/2000	AGO 2000 No. 3	Public Disclosure Status of Farm Plan Prepared and Held by State Conservation District When Similar Record Held by Parallel Federal Agency is Exempt from Public Disclosure	AGO 2000 No. 3
09/25/2001	AGO 2001 No. 8	Public Disclosure Status of Vehicle Accident Investigation Reports Prepared by Law Enforcement Officers	AGO 2001 No. 8
04/10/2002	AGO 2002 No. 2	Applicability of Public Records Sections of RCW 42.17 to Associations Comprised of Counties, County Officials, Cities, and Port Districts	AGO 2002 No. 2
08/13/2007	AGO 2007 No. 5	Extent to Which RCW 48.02.065, Making Certain Records Confidential and Privileged, Mandates Nondisclosure of the Records in Response to a Public Records Request	AGO 2007 No. 5
8/1/2019	AGO 2019 No. 3	Listings of Taxable Property As Lists of Names of Individuals Requested for a Commercial Purpose	AGO 2019 No. 3

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