RIGHT TO KNOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE SURVEY: MAINE'S FREEDOM OF ACCESS LAWS

The Right to Know Advisory Committee, established by the Legislature pursuant to Public Law 2005, chapter 631, is charged with ensuring the integrity of the Freedom of Access laws and their underlying principles. Specifically, the Advisory Committee may make recommendations to the Legislature for changes in the statutes and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the Judicial branch and local and regional governmental entities with regard to best practices for providing access to public records. The Advisory Committee is interested in public officials' experiences with the Freedom of Access laws, particularly any issues officials experience when responding to requests for access to public records. The Advisory Committee is seeking feedback on practical problems and suggestions for recommendations of statutory changes and best practices. Would you please help us by answering the following questions and returning the survey to the Advisory Committee? Please contact our staff if you have questions. All survey responses will be open to public inspection; anonymous responses are welcome. Thank you!

Name (optional) _____

Governmental Entity (optional) _____

1. Please describe any practical problems or issues you have experienced in responding to an individual's request for access to public records under the Freedom of Access laws.

2. Are there one or more particular provisions of the Freedom of Access laws (Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Chapter 13) that need clarification?

3. Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for changes in the statute or the development of best practices to improve the Freedom of Access laws?

4. Please provide any additional comments.

PLEASE SUBMIT RESPONSE TO
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