

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/HB 1055 — Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets

by Government Operations Subcommittee and Rep. Gregory and others (SB 1446 by Senator Boyd)

The bill makes confidential and exempt from public records copying and inspection requirements those trade secrets, as defined in in the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, held by an agency. This public records exemption expires October 2, 2026, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature. An agency employee, acting in good faith and within the scope of his or her duties, is immune from criminal or civil liability for the release of the protected trade secrets.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 112-2