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Subject: Public records request for JSC information
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Shelly,

I'm submitting the below public records request to the Judicial Standards Commission on behalf of Sen. Greg Hertz (copied), the chair of the Legislature's Select Committee that's been looking into judicial issues. I'm also copying Chair Menahan. Please let me know if anyone else should also receive this request to ensure a prompt response to it.

Sen. Hertz is requesting the following:

1. Copies of meeting minutes or similar recordkeeping from all JSC meetings that occurred from Jan. 1, 2022 to today (Oct. 7, 2022)
2. The total number of complaints received by the JSC during the same timeframe
3. The total number of complaints reviewed by the JSC during the same timeframe, if different from the number received
4. The status of complaints reviewed by the JSC (number dismissed, pending, or in any other status)
5. Records of any recusal of any member of the JSC from hearing a complaint (which JSC member(s) recused on how many complaints) during the same timeframe
6. Copies of written correspondence with any complainants (dismissal letters, etc.) during the same timeframe

Given that the JSC typically does not meet often and this request only covers raw data and copies of very limited existing documents of which there should be few, Sen. Hertz does not expect a complete response to this request to be burdensome or to take longer than a couple of weeks. If the timeframe for response will be longer than that, please let Sen. Hertz and I know.

Please note that the above request does not include (as far as Sen. Hertz and I know) any records or documents that are protected by law or rule as confidential and not subject to public disclosure. If any part of this records request is denied, please provide a written explanation of the denial pursuant to MCA 2-6-1009.

Please include both Sen. Hertz and me on any response or other correspondence related to this request.

Thank you!

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