

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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March 10, 2025  
Date

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB25-077 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 10, line 14, strike "(3)(a)(VI)" and  
2 substitute "(2)(a)(X)(C) and (3)(a)(VI); and **add** (2)(a)(XI)".

3 Page 10, strike line 16 and substitute "**procedure - appeal - definitions**  
4 **- repeal.** (2) (a) The custodian may deny the right of inspection of the  
5 following records, unless otherwise provided by law, on the ground that  
6 disclosure to the applicant would be contrary to the public interest:

7 (X) (C) An individual animal's or group of animal's breeding or  
8 nesting habitat; AND

9 (XI) (A) EXCEPT FOR CORONERS' AUTOPSY REPORTS AS PROVIDED  
10 IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, ALL RECORDS, FILES, AND  
11 INFORMATION GATHERED AND CREATED DURING THE COURSE OF A  
12 CORONER'S INVESTIGATION.

13 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2)(a)(XI)(A) OF THIS  
14 SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE CUSTODIAN SHALL  
15 ALLOW TO A DECEDENT'S NEXT OF KIN THE RIGHT OF INSPECTION OF  
16 RECORDS, FILES, INFORMATION, OR SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED PORTIONS  
17 OF THE CORONER'S RECORD THAT IS GENERATED BY THE CORONER IN THE  
18 INVESTIGATION OF THE DECEDENT'S DEATH; EXCEPT THAT IF THE  
19 DECEDENT'S DEATH IS THE SUBJECT OF AN OPEN OR ONGOING  
20 INVESTIGATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR A CRIMINAL TRIAL AND THE  
21 CUSTODIAN KNOWS OF THE INVESTIGATION OR TRIAL, THEN THE  
22 CUSTODIAN MAY DENY THE RIGHT OF INSPECTION OF THE REQUESTED  
23 RECORDS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION OR TRIAL.

24 (C) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a)(XI), "NEXT OF KIN" MEANS  
25 THE DECEDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR  
26 OF THE DECEDENT'S ESTATE, THE DECEDENT'S SURVIVING SPOUSE SO LONG  
27 AS THE COUPLE WAS NOT LEGALLY SEPARATED AT THE TIME OF THE

1 DECEDENT'S DEATH, A PERSON WITH THE RIGHT TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF  
2 THE DECEDENT'S LAST REMAINS, THE DECEDENT'S SURVIVING ADULT  
3 CHILDREN, THE DECEDENT'S PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE  
4 DECEDENT'S SURVIVING ADULT SIBLINGS.

5 (3) (a) The custodian shall".

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