



STATE OF OREGON
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL COMMITTEE

May 21, 2008

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Dear Mr. Olson:

This letter responds to your May 2, 2008, and May 16, 2008, letters to this office. As you know, ORS 171.275 (2) authorizes the Legislative Counsel Committee to establish policies for the copyrighting of the Oregon Revised Statutes. The established policy of the committee – unchanged since 1953 – has been to copyright those portions of the Oregon Revised Statutes that are not the actual law itself.

Your clients advocate a change in that copyright policy. The committee wishes to meet to consider its copyright policy in light of technological developments and the Internet. The Legislative Assembly is not currently in session, so getting immediate policy direction from the committee is not possible. The committee plans to meet on June 19, 2008, and would be interested in hearing testimony from you or your clients on the changes your clients seek in the copyright policy of the committee.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dexler A. Johnson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dexter A. Johnson
Legislative Counsel