

ALBERT Todd * PRA

From: Steve Suo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 4:13 AM
To: Emily Harris
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Subject: Re: Draft fees bill with all comments incorporated

Emily,

As chair, do you mind sharing these thoughts with the group if appropriate at today's meeting? I am sorry I will not be able to participate due to travel, although I will see if I can listen in.

Scheduling:

- if we move to one hour meetings at more frequent intervals, I would prefer 2-3 pm on Friday, or even 3-4 if that were possible. The later the better.

Areas of agreement:

- If there are sections with no written objections, perhaps a way to proceed is to read through these in order at the meeting and ask for objections or changes. No one is committing to final support today, but basically we could collect these sections as provisional consensus items for now.
- I think agreement MIGHT be reached today on the idea of a transparency by design task force; the desirability of funds for disclosure; and an improved appeals process for fee waiver denials with binding orders from DA or AG.
- Perhaps everyone could agree that no matter what else we do, commercial will always pay. Straw poll on that?
- I'd love to test out whether there is agreement on allowing public bodies to charge commercial requesters more than actual cost, to subsidize the agency's costs on other records responses. Maybe you get to charge above actual cost for commercial as long as you waive fees on non-commercial. Or, just let any public body do it without strings attached.

Targeted meetings:

- In my opinion, one meeting should tackle the question of automatic fee waivers for classes of requesters — whether this approach has support in concept, what is needed for definitions if so, etc.
- I think one separate meeting should tackle the section on 30-minute waivers for everyone.
- If there's no immediate consensus today on an improved appeals process, I'd propose one future meeting just to seek consensus on this item.

If the most appropriate way to share these thoughts is as an exhibit on the website, please feel free to do so.

Best to all the committee,
Steve Suo
