
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6236

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

SUMMARY

This bill (1) broadens the current exemption of certain executive branch agency records related to faulty or failing concrete foundations from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and (2) applies the broadened exemption to the same types of records held by public higher education institutions.

Current law exempts from disclosure (1) documents executive branch agencies have on claims of faulty or failing concrete foundations in residential buildings by the buildings' owners and (2) associated agency-prepared documents. The disclosure protection lasts until the later of May 25, 2023, or seven years after the agency receives the documents.

Under the bill, the executive branch agency protection applies to (1) any records the agencies maintain or keep on file related to claims of faulty or failing residential concrete foundations, not just those related to owners' claims; (2) any records the agencies maintain or keep on file about testing these foundations; and (3) both documents and materials the agencies prepare related to the records.

The bill also applies this exemption to records public higher education institutions maintain or keep on file, or documents or materials the institutions prepare, concerning claims of and testing for faulty or failing concrete foundations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/22/2021)