

URGENT ALERT! OPRA and OPMA Bills Scheduled for Monday

We have just learned that the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee has scheduled [S-106](#) and [S-107](#) for a hearing on this coming Monday, June 17. These bills would, respectively, enact major changes to the Open Public Meetings Act and the Open Public Records Act. Those changes would impose new requirements on local governing bodies and record custodians, and could easily hamstring local operations.

We anticipate amendments, but we do not believe that they will be able to address our continued, significant concerns with these bills, such as the requirements for subcommittees and mandatory prevailing attorney fees for requestors. For details and analysis of these bills, please see our earlier [Town Crier OPRA/OPMA blogpost](#).

And please contact your State Senators to express your concerns with S-106 and S-107.

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