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**RE: REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS FROM THE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL**

Dear Mr. Tanner:

Our office received your request for documents on July 7, 2008. Specifically, your request seeks:

"The underlying database, both structure and content, that is used to produce the "Bill Information" section of the Official California Legislative Information website, <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/billinfo.html>. We would like complete data sets from the following legislative sessions: 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2007-2008."

Your request is made pursuant to the Legislative Open Records Act (Art. 3.5 (commencing with Sec. 9070), Ch. 1.5, Pt. 1, Div. 2, Title 2, Gov. C.); however, that act does not apply to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Alternatively, you have made your request pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Ch. 3.5 (commencing with Sec. 6250), Div. 7, Title 1, Gov. C.). Under that act, records in the custody of, or maintained, by the Legislative Counsel generally are exempt from mandatory disclosure (subd. (m), Sec. 6254, Gov. C.). Although an exception to that exemption is made for certain records in the public database maintained by the Legislative Counsel, that exception does not require disclosure of the database itself.



Your request, therefore, seeks information that is exempted from the act and, accordingly, will not be produced.

Very truly yours,

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Legislative Counsel

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Dawson", written over a horizontal line.

J. Christopher Dawson
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