

From: [Graham, Shawn](#)
To: [James DeHaven](#)
Subject: RE: Information request from Helena Independent Record and Lee Newspapers State Bureau
Date: Monday, April 25, 2016 2:06:00 PM

Mr. DeHaven,

The estimated programming cost to provide the information you have requested will be \$200 to \$400.

The report will contain the following information for TRS retired members that have received a benefit payment during the last four years:

1. First Name
2. Last Name
3. Last Employer
4. Retirement Date
5. Years of Service at Retirement
6. Gross monthly Benefit for January 2013
7. Gross monthly benefit for January 2014
8. Gross monthly benefit for January 2015
9. Gross monthly benefit for January 2016

It is expected to take 2-3 weeks to produce the report and verify the information. The report will not provide information related to beneficiaries or alternate payees.

Provided that you are willing to pay for the cost to produce this report, I will ask the TRS Board for authorization to release this information at their May 13, 2016 board meeting.

Please let me know if you would like TRS to proceed with your request.

Thank you,

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From: James DeHaven [mailto:james.dehaven@helenair.com]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 10:05 AM
To: Graham, Shawn
Subject: RE: Information request from Helena Independent Record and Lee Newspapers State Bureau

Shawn,

Thanks for the response.

“Base pension” could mean total pension, I just wanted to cover my bases if it didn’t. Total pension is the important figure there.

I’m looking for data on all retired members who have received a benefit payment over the past four fiscal years, regardless of their effective date of retirement.

Thanks again.

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James DeHaven

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From: Graham, Shawn [<mailto:ShawnGraham@mt.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 9:37 AM
To: James DeHaven
Subject: RE: Information request from Helena Independent Record and Lee Newspapers State Bureau

Mr. DeHaven,

I have attached a pdf copy of my initial response to your request for information; I will send you a signed original via US Mail today.

You will note that I need clarification about the scope of your request in order to provide you with an estimate of the time it will take to fulfill your request as well as the cost to do so.

Sincerely,

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From: James DeHaven [<mailto:james.dehaven@helenair.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 4:37 PM
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Cc: Huff, Andy

Subject: Information request from Helena Independent Record and Lee Newspapers State Bureau

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution and MCA § 2-6-1003 et seq., the Helena Independent Record and Lee Newspapers State Bureau hereby requests the following public data for retired persons in the following retirement plans:

- Teacher Retirement Service (TRS)
- Public Employees' Retirement System-Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (PERSDBRP)
- Judges' Retirement System (JRS)
- Highway Patrol Officers' Retirement System (HPORS)
- Sheriffs' Retirement System (SRS)
- Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' Retirement System (GWPORS)
- Municipal Police Officers' Retirement System (MPORS)
- Firefighters' Unified Retirement System (FURS)
- Volunteer Firefighters' Compensation Act (VFCA).

The request includes, but is not limited to, data for the past four fiscal years, including first and last name, job title, employer, retirement plan name, base pension, benefits, years of service, year of retirement, total pension and benefits amount.

I request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the relationship between the parties involved. The information sought is for reporting, not commercial purposes.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I request this data be produced in an electronic, screen-readable format, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. Files that are not accessible to screen readers include, for example, .pdf image files as well as physical documents.

Furthermore, I request that the requested data be in one of the following file formats: Microsoft Excel or CSV (comma delimited).

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days.

If production of the requested data will take longer than a "reasonable" amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect it.

If you deny access to these records, please respond to this request in writing and cite the specific statutory provision you rely upon to deny access to this public information.

Sincerely,

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