

Opinion: Put teeth in Nevada's public records act

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Nevada's public records law has a big bark, but little bite. It's time to change that.

The law states that public access to government records "foster(s) democratic principles." The records act "must be construed liberally to carry out this important purpose."

That's strong rhetoric, and rightly so. Government officials work for the public. That makes members of the public the boss. One of your rights as a supervisor is to know what your employees are doing.

Imagine if your employer came to your office to find out what you're working on, and you told him it was none of his business. Think you'd have a job for very long? Yet that's what government employees often do.

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