657.734 Performance Reporting Information System; rules. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Public body” has the meaning given that term in ORS 192.410.

(b) “System participant” means:

(A) Mandatory partners under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (enacted as P.L. 105-220 and codified as 29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) and other one-stop system partners, which may include public bodies and private organizations; and

(B) Public bodies and private organizations that have been approved by the Director of the Employment Department, in consultation with the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, to participate in the Performance Reporting Information System.

(2) There is established the Performance Reporting Information System for the purpose of collecting, analyzing and sharing statistical and demographic data for the development and reporting of workforce system performance measures.

(3) The Performance Reporting Information System is intended to share the data described in subsection (2) of this section, by agreement, with all system participants.

(4) The Director of the Employment Department shall administer and, in consultation with the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, oversee the development of the Performance Reporting Information System. System participants shall be designated as participants in the system by rule of the Employment Department, in consultation with the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor. A system participant shall enter into an interagency or other applicable agreement with the director that:

(a) Establishes protocols for the collection and sharing of data in the system;

(b) Establishes safeguards for protecting the confidentiality of data in the system;

(c) Includes provisions regarding informed consent for sharing information obtained from individuals; and

(d) Provides for the sharing of costs for developing and maintaining the system.

(5)(a) All individual record information in the Performance Reporting Information System is confidential and may not be disclosed as a public record under the provisions of ORS 192.410 to 192.505. As administrator of the system, the director may view all data or individual record information in the system. System participants may not allow public access to information received from the system that identifies a particular individual unless required by law. System participants shall limit the disclosure of, or refuse to disclose, aggregate or summary level information when a small number of aggregated records or some other factor creates a reasonable risk that the identity of individuals may be discovered or disclosed.

(b) System participants shall provide information in a format that encodes identifying data, including the client’s Social Security number, using a formula unique to the system participant. In disclosing Social Security numbers to the system, system participants shall comply with any state and federal laws that govern the collection and use of Social Security numbers by the system participant and any additional requirements specified by the director, in consultation with the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, that are included in the agreement entered into under subsection (4) of this section.

(6) The information in the Performance Reporting Information System is not a public record for purposes of ORS 192.410 to 192.505. For purposes of ORS 192.410 to 192.505, the
information submitted to the system and the information received from the system is a public record, and the custodian of such information is the system participant that submits or receives the information. If the system participant receiving the information is not a public body, the department shall keep a copy of the system information sent to that system participant and shall be the custodian of that copy for purposes of ORS 192.410 to 192.505. As custodian, the department shall limit the disclosure of, or refuse to disclose, aggregate or summary level information when a small number of aggregated records or some other factor creates a reasonable risk that the identity of individuals may be discovered or disclosed. The department shall refer all other requests for disclosure of system information to the public body that is the custodian of the information.

(7) The department may charge a reasonable fee under ORS 192.440 for the disclosure of reports containing only aggregate data to individuals, public bodies or private organizations.

(8) If a system participant prepares or acquires a record that is confidential under federal or state law, including ORS 192.502 (2), the system participant does not violate state confidentiality laws by providing the information described in this section to the Performance Reporting Information System. Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 279C.815 (4), 279C.850 (3), 657.665 and 660.339, the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and the Employment Department are authorized to provide information to the system.

(9) Any individual who, without proper authority, discloses confidential information under this section may be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment with the State of Oregon. The department shall adopt by rule procedures to prevent disclosure of confidential information submitted to the Performance Reporting Information System. [2001 c.524 §3; 2003 c.238 §2; 2003 c.794 §314; 2011 c.31 §2]