

This notice is being shared with participants in DRS plans on behalf of the Department of Retirement Systems.

Notice to DRS members — Public records request

The Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) has received a public records request from The Seattle Times that seeks information about all members of the state's retirement systems, including all retirees and members, for the period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.

DRS has received a copy of the requestor's [Declaration of Non-Commercial Purpose](#) pursuant to [RCW 42.56.070\(8\)](#).

DRS has reviewed the request and determined that the following information items are subject to disclosure under the state's Public Records Act:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Entry date
- Retirement date
- Withdrawal date
- Employer/Department number
- Employer/Department name
- Employer/Department city, state, and ZIP code
- Employment code
- Employment description
- Retirement system/type
- Retirement plan
- Service credit (years of service)
- Annual salary
- Monthly retirement benefit
- Average final compensation
- Employee transmittal code and description

DRS intends to provide the information items listed above to the requesting organization on Jan. 26, 2024.

If you are the subject of this public records request, no action is required of you. If you want additional information or have questions about the request, please contact DRS at 844-704-6780 or drs.pdrnotice@drs.wa.gov.

About injunctive relief

Individuals who are the subject of a records request often ask if they can seek a court order to prevent the release of their records. Under state law, an agency could be enjoined from releasing records if a court finds that the release “would clearly not be in the public interest and would substantially and irreparably damage any person, or would substantially and irreparably damage vital governmental functions.” To enjoin DRS from releasing records in the current request, the department would need to be served with an injunction prior to the scheduled release date listed above. State agencies cannot provide advice on whether to seek an injunction or whether such an attempt would be successful.

DRS makes no guarantee regarding the security of the information once in the hands of The Seattle Times, nor do we take any responsibility for how they use it.