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Surveys of state public records laws were made by two different organizations. In 2007, the Better Government Association and the National Freedom of Information Coalition produced their report of their survey. In 2015, the Center for Public Integrity published their analysis.

The two surveys used differing methodology and differed widely on some same state results. Two states with a passing grade for their public records act are compared with Washington's below. **Those states passed! Washington did not.**

STATE	UTAH	RHODE ISLAND	WASHINGTON
CODE	63G-2	38-2	42.56
GRADES	C/C-	D/D	F/F
CPI RANKING	# 2	# 5	# 32
ADMIN APPEAL	Yes, Local and State Level	Yes, Local and State Level	No
SEARCH COSTS	15 min, then potential charges	60 min, then potential charges	Free
VOLUMINOUS REQUESTS	You pay for it.	You pay for it.	Free
POTENTIAL REQUESTOR BOUNTY	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 100/day/record
POSSIBLE VIOLATION	Class B Misdemeanor	\$ 1-2,000 civil fine	No

The reports can be found at:

<http://www.nfoic.org/states-failing-foi-responsiveness>

and

<http://www.publicintegrity.org/2015/11/09/18822/how-does-your-state-rank-integrity>.