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Harassment by Requesters

Explicit



Connecticut Section 1-241: Injunctive Relief from Frivolous, Unreasonable, or **Harassing** Freedom of Information Appeals

A public agency may bring an action to the Superior Court against any person who was denied leave by the Freedom of Information Commission to have his appeal heard by the commission because the commission determined and found that such appeal or the underlying request would perpetrate an injustice or would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process.

Hawaii Section 92F-11(e):

*The Office of Information Practices may adopt rules to protect agency records from theft, loss, defacement, alteration, or deterioration, and to prevent manifestly **excessive interference** with the discharge of agencies' other lawful responsibilities and functions.*

Louisiana Title 44:32(A)(2):

*If the custodian reasonably determines that the request would **substantially disrupt** required government operations, the custodian may deny access only after reasonable attempts to narrow or specify the request with the requestor.*

Kansas Section 445-218(e):

*The custodian may refuse to provide access to a public record, or to permit inspection, if a request places an **unreasonable burden** in producing records or if the custodian has reason to believe that repeated requests are intended to **disrupt** other essential functions of the public agency.*

Vague

Utah Title 63G-2-201(7)(a):

*In response to a request, a governmental entity is not required to fulfill a person's records request if the request **unreasonably duplicates** prior records requests from that person.*

West Virginia Section 29B-1-3(b):

*The custodian of the records may make **reasonable rules and regulations** necessary for the protection of the records and to prevent **interference** with the regular discharge of his or her duties.*

Delaware Section 10003(d)(1):

*All state agencies and public bodies are to provide **reasonable assistance** to the public in identifying and locating public records to which they are entitled access.*

Vexatious Requests

Explicit

Tennessee Title 10-7-503(a)(7)(A)(vii):

*Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary—if a person makes **two or more requests** to view a public record **within a six month period** and, for each request, the person fails to view the public record within fifteen business days of receiving notification that the record is available to view, the governmental entity is not required to comply with any public records request from the person for a period of six months from the date of the second request to view the public record unless the governmental entity determines failure to view the public record was for good cause*

Colorado Title 24-72-205(3):

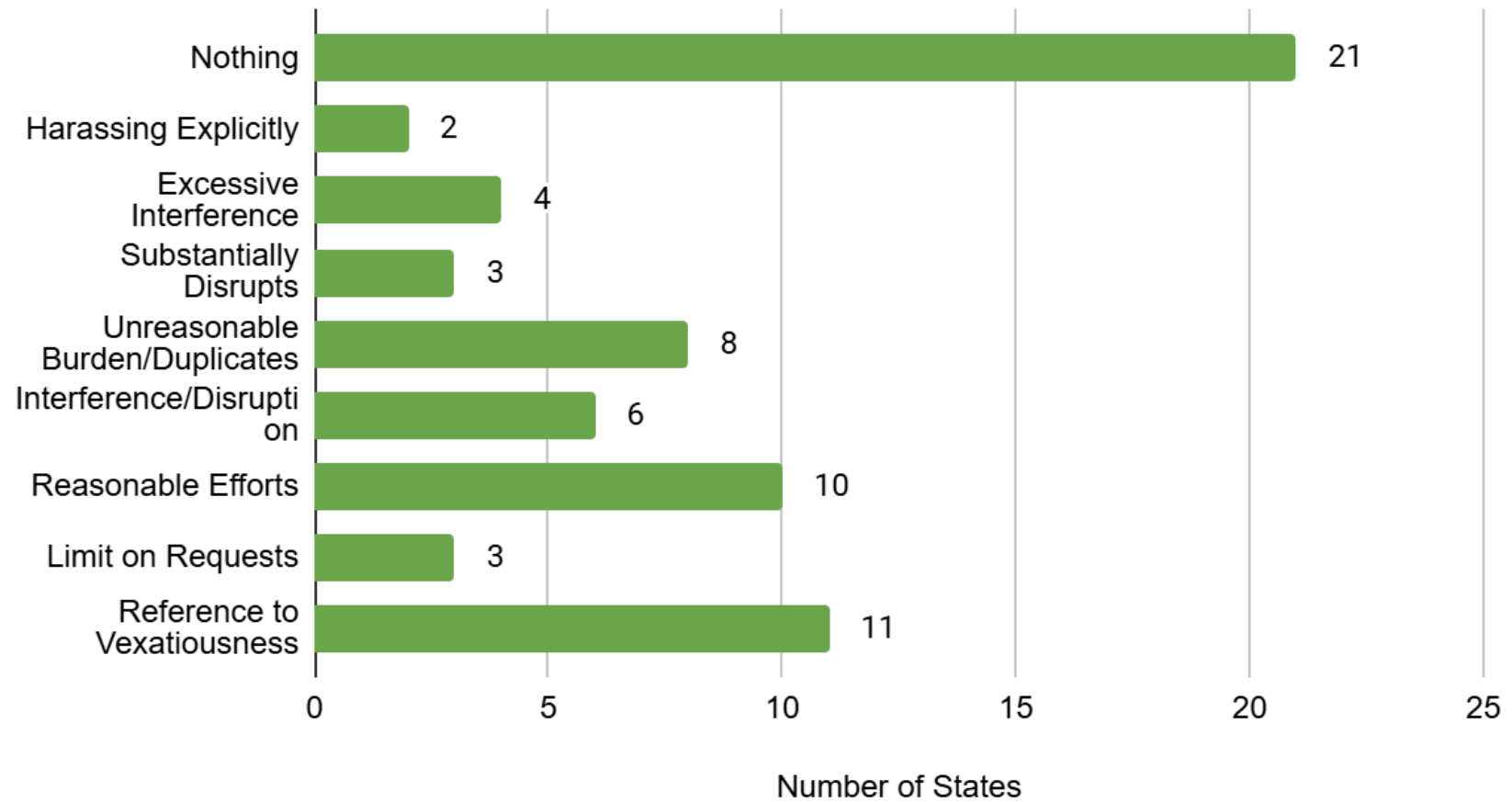
*Persons making **subsequent requests** for the same or similar records may be charged a fee not in excess of the original fee.*

Utah Title 63G-2-201(7)(a)(vi):

*In response to a request, a governmental entity is not required ... to fulfill a person's records request if the person has been determined to be a **vexatious requester**.*

Vague

Code Language Type



State	Harassing Explicitly	Excessive Interference	Substantially Disrupts	Unreasonable Burden/ Duplicates	Interference/ Disruption	Reasonable Efforts	Limit on Requests	Reference to Vexatiousness
Alabama								
Alaska								
Arizona								
California						X		
Colorado								X
Connecticut	X							
Delaware						X		
Florida						X		
Georgia								
Hawaii		X						
Idaho							X	
Illinois				X				X
Indiana								
Iowa								
Kansas				X	X			X
Kentucky				X				X

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Louisiana			X					
Maine				X	X			
Maryland					X	X		
Massachusetts	X			X				X
Michigan		X				X		
Minnesota								
Mississippi								
Missouri								
Montana								
Nebraska								
Nevada								
New Hampshire								
New Jersey			X			X		
New Mexico								
New York								
North								

Carolina								
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North Dakota								X
Ohio								
Oklahoma		X				X		
Oregon					X	X		
Pennsylvania				X				X
Rhode Island								
South Carolina				X				X
South Dakota								
Tennessee							X	
Texas								X
Utah				X				X
Vermont					X			
Virginia								
Washington		X	X			X	X	X
West Virginia					X	X		

Wisconsin								
Wyoming					X			