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Bill Analysis

SB 622 establishes the Public Access Counselor Unit in the Office of the Attorney General. The measure authorizes a person whose request to inspect or copy a public record is denied to submit a request for review with the Public Access Counselor within 30 days of the denial. Additionally, if the initial request was treated as a request for commercial purposes contrary to the requestor's application, a request for review may be filed with the Counselor to review the designation. If the Counselor determines that action is needed, he or she shall forward a copy of the request for review to the public body within 7 business days after receipt of the request and specify the documents that the public body shall furnish for review. If the Counselor determines no action is needed, the requestor may file suit in court. The measure authorizes the Attorney General to advise public bodies on compliance with the provisions of this measure.

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