Legislators rush records bill

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Proposal would release some material, but keep much more off-limits

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OLYMPIA — Wednesday: Releasing public records bill that would shed light on lawmakers’ current public records. Thursday: Go! Bill.

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BY SCOTT GREYSTOK

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H is name is Bud the Amazing Wonder Dog. And he is the best German shepherd you will ever meet. Truly. The clinic is free — the only requirement is that owners can’t afford to pay. And many don’t.

Bud, the Amazing Wonder Dog, is one of many animals who have been treated at the clinic hosted at Union Gospel Mission in downtown Seattle in the more than 15 years it has been running. It’s one of very few clinics in the country like it. Named for Bud’s owner in Seattle who started it in 1985, the clinic is free — the only requirement is that owners can’t afford to pay. And many don’t.

The clinic is run entirely by volunteers, but some days, I’m told, you may see a vet doing some work. One day, a veterinarian named Roni, wrapped his arms around Bud, whispering, “I’m sorry, baby.” Then I said, the veterinarian told the volunteer that Bud has a limp on his right leg. He had to have surgery, an amputation of a paw. It was a bit of a shock for Bud. He had to learn to walk, with his amputated leg on a leash, on two legs. But he was happy. He was wagging his tail. The volunteer said he was a good boy, and he was. And he was happy.

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Jefferson County commissioners have decided to remove the sidewalk workday closing for July. They’ve already made that decision, they said, to ensure the safety of the public and the workers.

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