Legislative Fiscal Office

2015-17 Budget Presentation

April 2015

Mission

The Legislative Fiscal Office's mission is to promote state fiscal accountability.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) provides objective research, analysis, and evaluation of state expenditures, financial affairs, program administration, and agency operations.
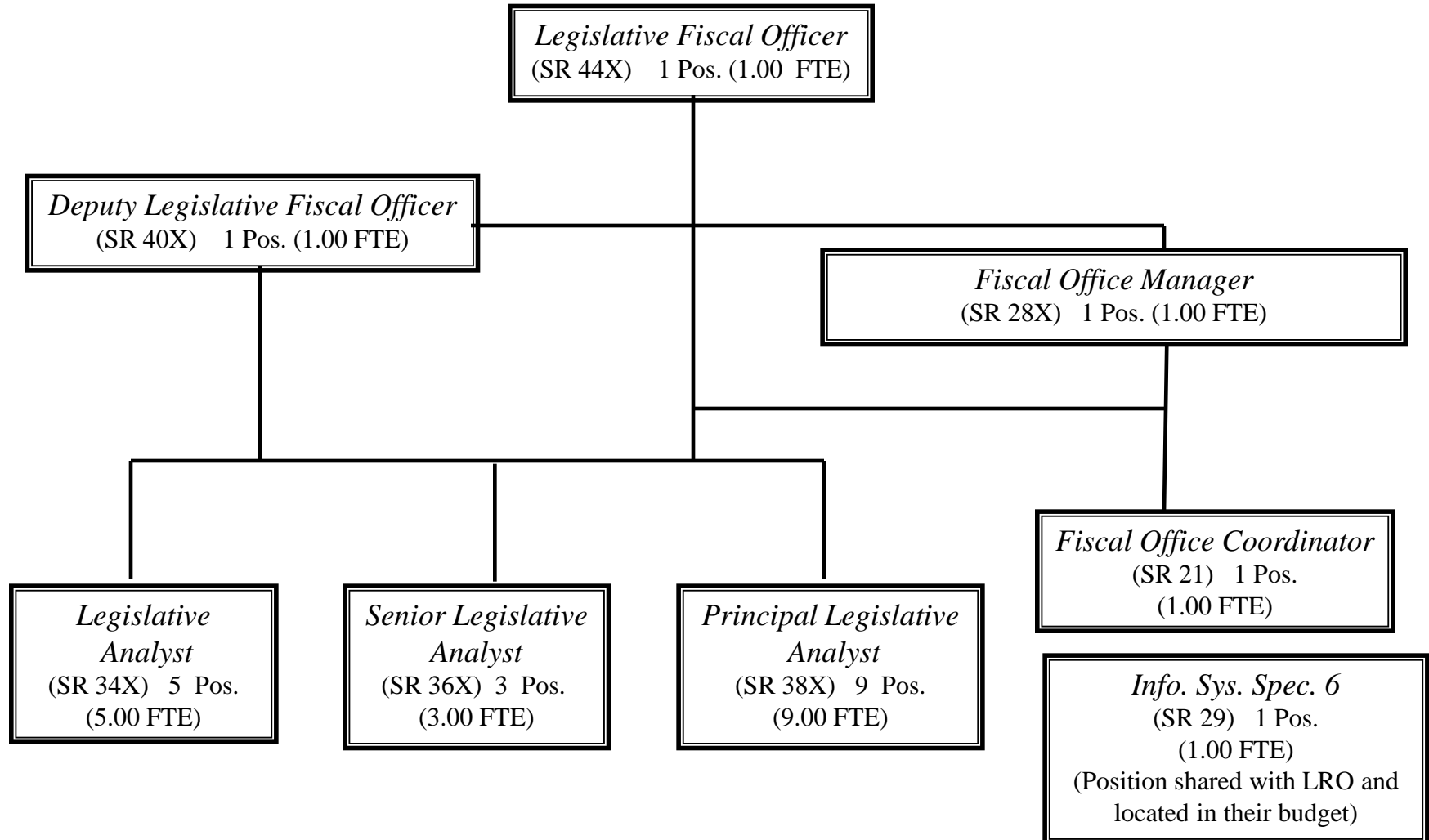
Created in 1959 as a non-partisan, independent, permanent professional support staff office to the Legislature.

LFO provides staffing to several legislative committees.

LFO Organization Chart
2013-15 Legislatively Adopted Budget

Legislative Fiscal Officer
(SR 44X)   1 Pos. (1.00 FTE)

Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer
(SR 40X)   1 Pos. (1.00 FTE)

Fiscal Office Manager
(SR 28X)   1 Pos. (1.00 FTE)

Legislative Analyst
(SR 34X) 5 Pos.
(5.00 FTE)

Senior Legislative Analyst
(SR 36X) 3 Pos.
(3.00 FTE)

Principal Legislative Analyst
(SR 38X) 9 Pos.
(9.00 FTE)

Fiscal Office Coordinator
(SR 21)   1 Pos.
(1.00 FTE)

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(SR 29) 1 Pos.
(1.00 FTE)
(Position shared with LRO and located in their budget)

Session - Budget Role

- **Review agency budgets for accuracy**
- **Analyze fiscal and policy issues**
- **Examine revenue sources, expenditure limitations, expenditure patterns, staffing levels, and proposed law changes**
- **Review impact of budget reductions or enhancements**
- **Make recommendations to the Legislature related to agency budgets**
- **Facilitate responses to questions and collection of information requested by legislators**
- **Facilitate bill amendments, budget note and budget report finalization, and presentation of Ways and Means Subcommittee decisions for the Full Committee**
- **Assist bill carriers on House and Senate floors**

Session – Fiscal Impact Role

- **LFO was given responsibility for Fiscal Impact Statements in 1991.**

- **Fiscal impact statements are an independent, objective analysis of the expenditure, revenue, staffing, and organizational effects of a legislative measure on state and local government.**

- **Fiscal impact statements are provided to legislative committees on legislation being considered during session that have a cost to state or local government.**

Interim Activities

- **Analyze and make recommendations on agency requests to the Emergency Board and interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means**

- **Evaluate and audit programs when issues are identified or as directed by the Legislature**

- **Analyze reports and make recommendations on major information technology projects and investments**

- **Publish briefs on budget-related topics and issues of interest to the Legislature**

- **Produce regular reports on Liquidated and Delinquent Accounts and on Semi-Independent State Agencies**

- **Review state agency budget execution and operations**

- **Work to enhance the effectiveness of Oregon's statewide key performance measurement system**

Staffing

- **Joint Committee on Ways and Means**
  This committee is responsible for developing budget appropriation recommendations. During the interim, it provides legislative oversight to state agencies related to performance measurement and other legislative follow-up action requests made during session.

- **Emergency Board**
  This interim committee manages changes to agency budgets and allocates additional resources from the Emergency Fund.

Staffing (cont.)

- **Joint Legislative Audit Committee**
  This committee is responsible for reviewing audits, conducting performance and program evaluations, and making recommendations for change based on audit findings.

- **Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology**
  This committee is responsible for establishing statewide goals and policy regarding information systems and technology and making recommendations on information resource management programs and information technology acquisitions.

Staffing (cont.)

- **Transparency Oregon Advisory Commission**
  This commission is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Department of Administrative Services on the creation, contents, operations, and enhancements to the state's transparency website.

Key Performance Measures

1. **Fiscal Impact Statement Accuracy**
    Number of fiscal impact statements corrected and reissued

2. **Training Effectiveness**
    Percentage of respondents to training evaluation surveys who indicate that the LFO training met or exceeded their expectations

3. **Customer Service**
    Percent of customers rating their satisfaction with the agency's customer service as "good" or "excellent" for overall customer service, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness, expertise, and availability of information