

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**HB 3377**

**Relating to the legislative branch**

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HB 3377 creates the Joint Committee on Conduct as a standing legislative committee and the Legislative Equity Office as an independent nonpartisan office of the Legislative Assembly.

The measure specifies the duties of the Committee, including adoption of respectful workplace policies and the provision of policy direction and oversight of the Legislative Equity Office. Responsibilities of the Equity Office are also specified, including provision of confidential process counseling, respectful workplace training, and contracting with an independent investigator to receive complaints and conduct investigations. The recommended amendment includes an appropriation of \$1,393,318 General Fund for the costs of the new legislative office.

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission is required to track lobbyist certification of training attendance and submit an annual report to the Legislature. Costs are anticipated to be minimal and can be absorbed by the agency.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 3377 be amended by the –A10 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.