

**SB 61 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Zika

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 05/18/21

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Bonham, Drazan, Fahey, Holvey, Salinas, Smith Warner, Zika

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/7, 5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) to provide written commission advisory opinions, written staff advisory opinions, or oral and written staff advice on application of executive session provisions of Oregon public meetings law. Grants specific safe harbor provisions to persons who act in good faith on OGEC opinions or staff advice.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Commission jurisdiction over executive session provisions in law
- Secretary of State audit

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Upon written request, or upon its own motion, the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) provides written commission advisory opinions, written staff opinions, and oral and written staff advice on issues, whether actual or hypothetical, related to Oregon's government ethics laws. The OGEC is prevented from issuing penalties against a person for any good faith actions they take based on such opinions or advice (safe harbor provisions). Senate Bill 61 adds executive session provisions to the topics for OGEC opinions or staff advice.