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Senator Deb Patterson, Co-Chair
Representative Greg Smith, Co-Chair
Ways & Means Sub-Committee on General Government

Co-Chairs Patterson and Smith;

We want to thank you for the opportunity to present Secretary of State, Shemia Fagan’s revised Agency Budget Request for the 2023-25 biennium. On Day 3 of the budget hearings, we were requested to provide information from committee members regarding our budget request and specific packages. We have listed the questions below and our response to each of those questions.

1. **Representative Reschke:** Where is the increased \$12M from CSL to GRB coming from. Where is the increase in 34 positions?

SoS Response: The chart below shows the increase in General Fund, Other Funds, and Federal Funds, as well as FTE increases, based on Secretary of State Division.

	General Fund	Other Fund	Federal Fund	FTE Change	
	Change	Change	Change	PFT	LD
Admin Services Divison	\$ 824,833	\$ 6,301,945		16	
Archives Division	\$ -	\$ 1,507,012	\$ -	2.25	
Audits Division	\$ -	\$ 1,376,214		5	
Corporation Division	\$ -	\$ 2,642,908		3	8
Elections Division	\$ 3,224,264	\$ -	\$ (432,959)	5	
Total	\$ 4,049,097	\$ 11,828,079	\$ (432,959)	31.25	8

2. **Representative Reschke:** What is the timing of the ORESTAR roll-out?

SoS Response: Below is our projected timeline that was included in the Secretary of State’s agency requested budget. The target go-live date with the new solution is 6/30/2027.

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Timeframe	Description
2024	Oregon Votes Stabilization & Presidential Election Year
Jan. 2025 - June 2025	Phase 1 - ORESTAR Replacement - focus on requirements gathering, requesting quotes from service providers (RFQ), and performing an analysis to determine solution strategy (in-house, external, hybrid)
July 2025 - June 2027	Solicitations/procurement, development, testing, and roll-out. Go-live would occur on June 30, 2027 .

3. **Representative Smith:** What is the source of other funds for ISD?

SoS Response: ISD and the other agency support divisions receive other funds from the Corporation, Audits, and Archives Divisions. This internal assessment is percentage based and charged to each of these divisions with calculations based on division FTE, number of financial transactions, and IT hardware (desktops, laptops, tablets).

4. **Senator Bonham:** Would like to see the email sent out by the Corporation Division.

SoS Response: The Corporation budget request reflects ongoing public feedback and concerns and feedback shared with our office from customers. Our office believes it is important for businesses to share their thoughts and concerns with the legislature and have an opportunity to have their voices heard. To do so, we sent an email at 9:30 AM on April 4 to the Division's email newsletter subscribers with instructions on how to submit testimony. It was a sharing opportunity for our customers to directly contacted legislature as many of our small business and non-profits have asked for improvements and to be heard. We believe business owners and Oregon businesses must have their voice and feedback on the Corporation division operations heard in this legislative process. Attached is a PDF of the email that went out.

Thank you,
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