

OGEC 2025-2027 Reference Document

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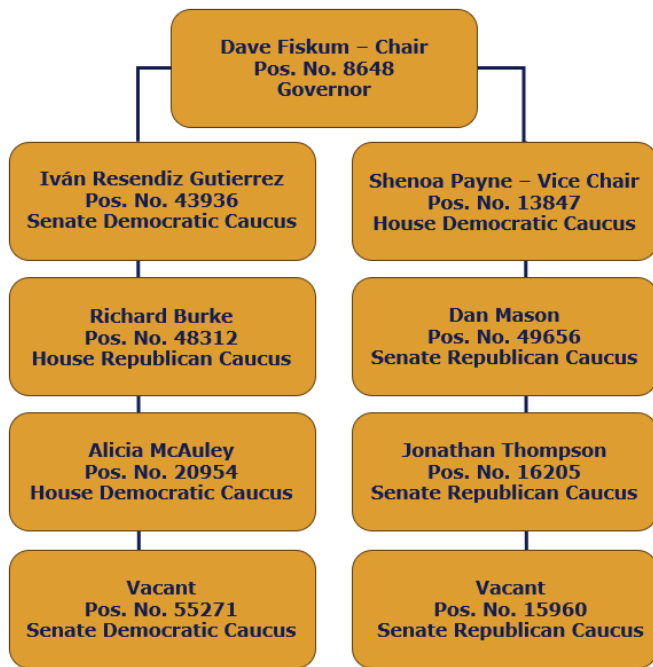
Governor’s Budget - \$7,005,742

[OGEC 2025-27 Governor’s Budget](#)

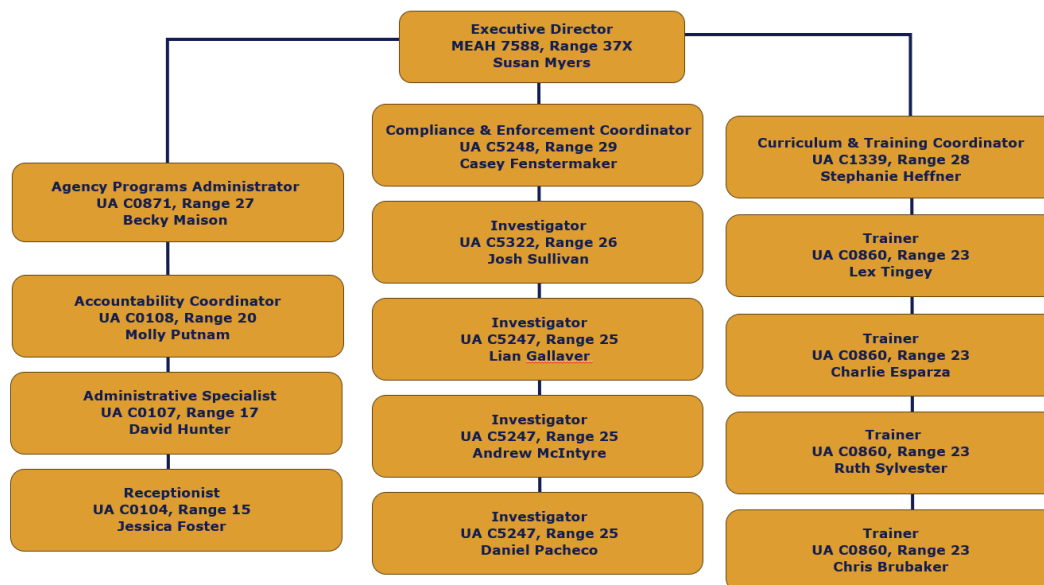
- POP #100
 - Department of Justice Fees
- POP #101
 - Reclassification to Policy, Planning, and Development Manager 2
- POP #102
 - Increased Training Program Costs
- POP #103
 - Case Management/Electronic Filing System Updates/Replacement

Additional Supporting Materials

- Agency Summary
 - OGEC conducts investigations of complaints of violations within OGEC’s jurisdiction and provides training and advice.
- 9-Member Commission



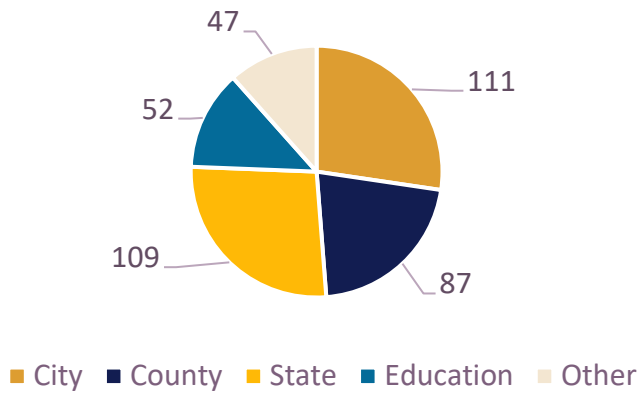
- 15-Member Staff



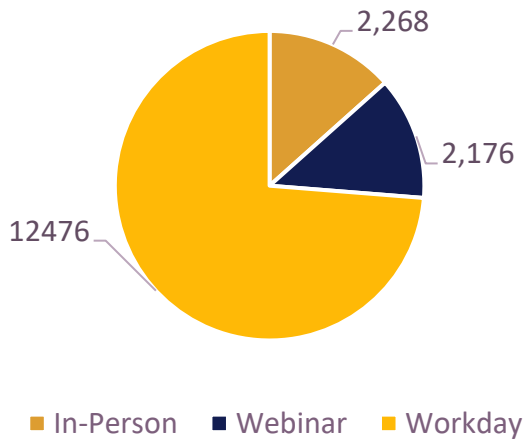
A summary of the agency’s programs, clients, those served, and key partners:

- Training
 - 2024: 16,920 people trained (12,476 via Workday, 4,444 live)
 - 2023: 7,768 people trained (4,553 via Workday, 3,215 live)
 - 2022: 4,162 people trained (2,649 via Workday, 1,513 live)

Groups Trained in 2024

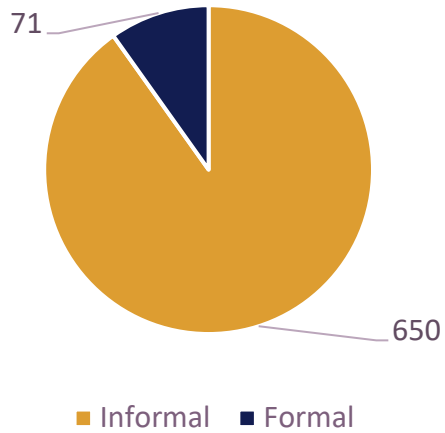


People Trained in 2024

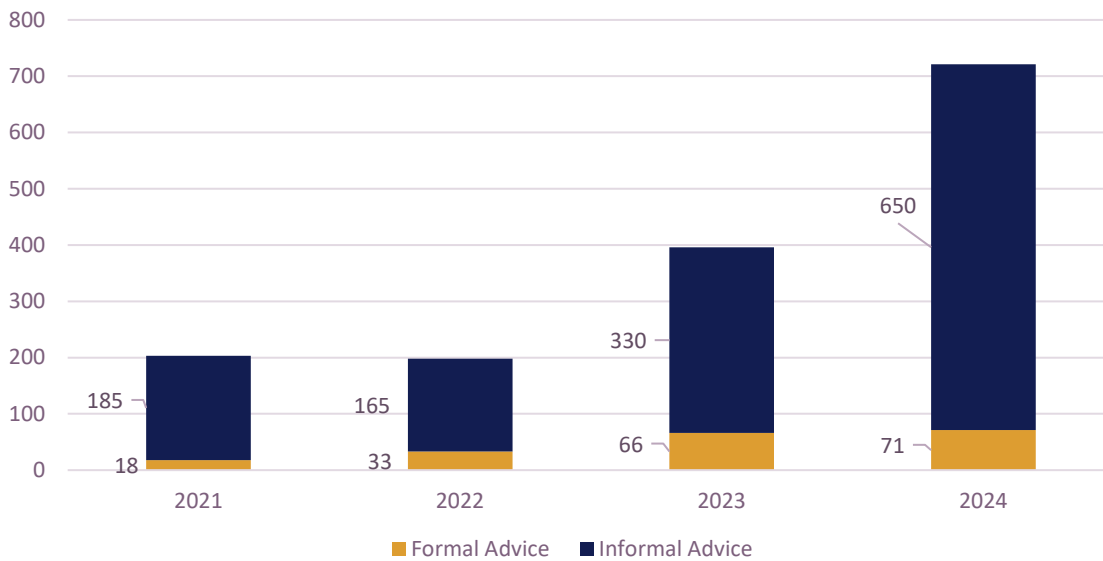


- Advice:
 - 2024: 721 (650 informal, 71 formal) (82% increase)
 - 2023: 396 (330 informal, 66 formal) (100% increase)
 - 2022: 198 (165 informal, 33 formal) (-2% increase)

Written Advice in 2024

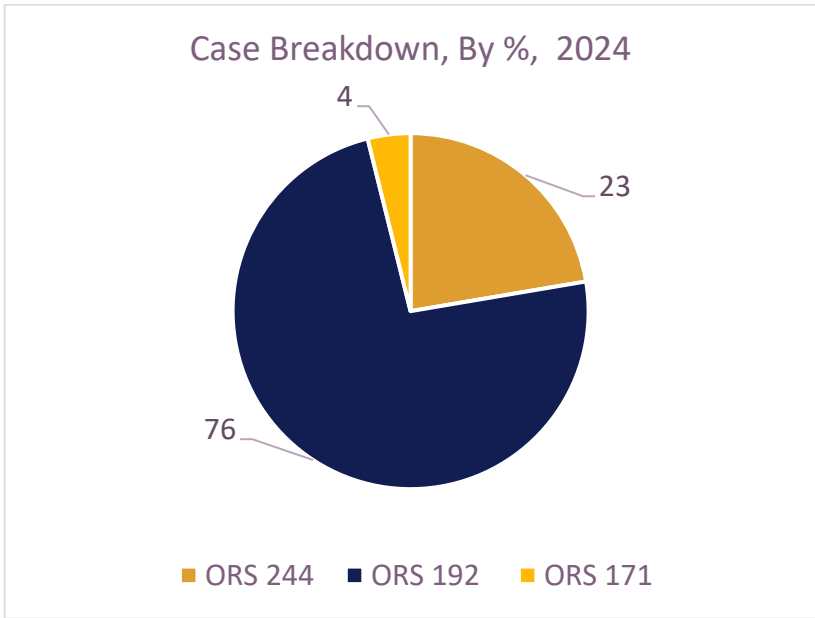
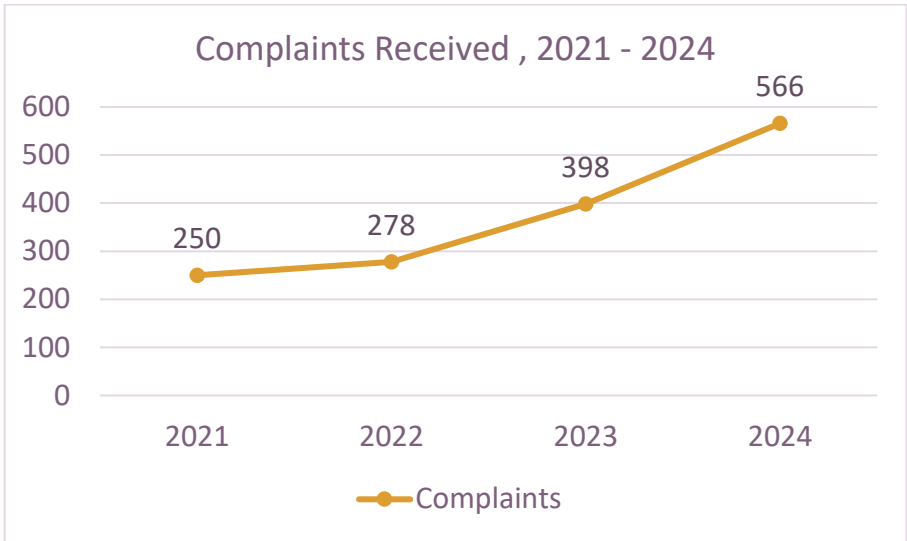


Requests for Written Advice/Opinions, 2021 - 2024



- Compliance:

- 2024: 272 Cases Opened (out of 566 complaints) (31% increase)
- 2023: 207 Cases Opened (out of 398 complaints) (34% increase)
- 2022: 152 Cases Opened (out of 279 complaints) (50% increase)



- Key Performance Measures, 2024
 - Statutory Time Limit: 92.5%
 - Quality of Investigations: 4.95/5
 - Training Program Effectiveness: 40%
 - Case Disposition Costs: 100%
 - Customer Service: 85/100
 - Governance Best Practices: 100%
 - No changes requested

- OGEC’s 2025 Legislative Concepts
 - HB 2923
 - SEI Updates

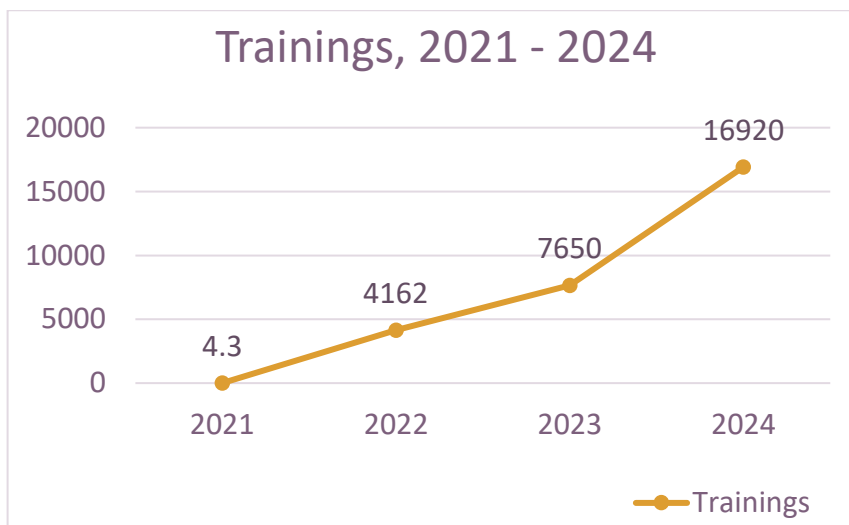
- [HB 2927](#)
 - Investigation Timeline
- [HB 2928](#)
 - Gift Offer Language
- [HB 2930](#)
 - COI Household Member
- [HB 2932](#)
 - Use of Office Education Exception

Budget Changes Effect on Agency Operations

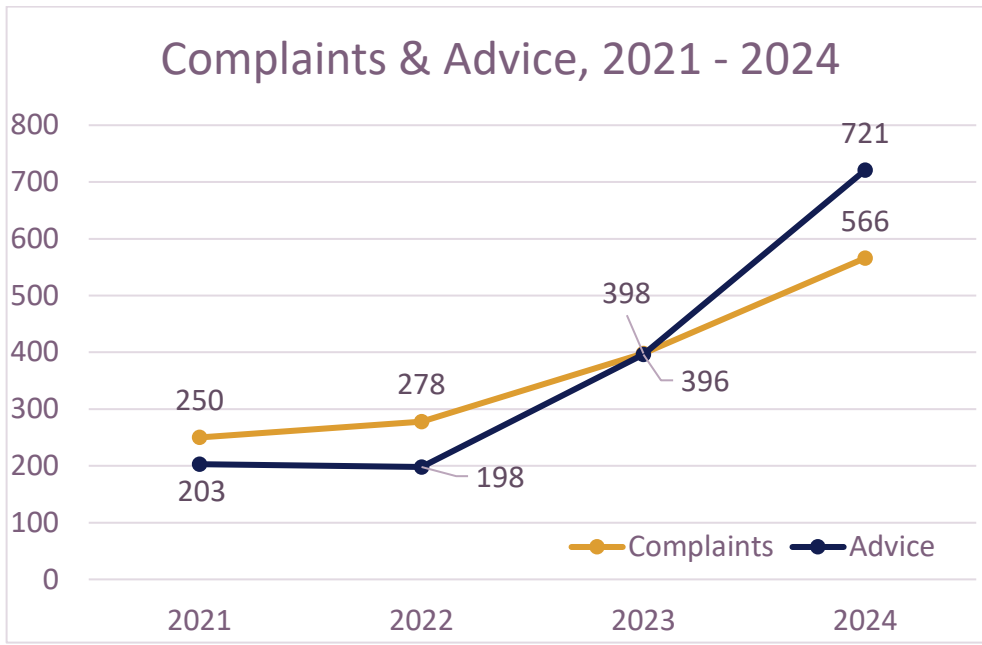
- 2019 – 2021
 - \$2,903,298 Budget
 - Ethics Law, Lobby Law, & Executive Session
 - Invested in EFS Updates ([HB 3377 \(2019\)](#))
- 2021 – 2023
 - \$3,231,509 Budget
 - Ethics Law, Lobby Law, & Executive Session
 - No Significant Investments
- 2023 – 2025
 - \$5,415,403 Budget
 - Ethics Law, Lobby Law, & Public Meetings Law
 - EFS/CMS System Enhancements, Training & Development Specialist 2, & Public Meetings Law
- 2023-2025 Budget Impacts on Agency Operations
 - Public Meetings Law
 - Expanded jurisdiction
 - Rulemaking & training approval process
 - Training
 - Training & Development Specialist 2
 - Public Meetings Law – Curriculum development
 - Training outreach
 - Better manage workforce challenges
 - EFS/CMS Updates
 - [HB 2038 \(2023\)](#) – SEI Updates
 - Continued work needed

Workforce Challenges

- Education
 - Significant increase in instructor-led webinars & in-person trainings
 - Public Meetings Law trainings became available Oct 2024
 - Demand was already increasing before these trainings were available
 - Increases in requests for advice
 - Authority for Public Meetings Law advice became available Apr 2024
 - Demand for advice (Ethics & Lobby Law) was already increasing before Public Meetings Law authority was given



- Compliance
 - Increase in complaints and cases being opened
 - Authority for Public Meetings Law cases became available September 2023



- Public Records
 - Electronic Filing System
 - Case Management System
 - Both continually need to be updated to stay up-to-date and handle workload (both behind-the-scenes and public facing)

Program Prioritization for 2025-27

[Program Prioritization for 2025-27](#) – linked and included on following page

1. Case Management/Electronic Filing System
2. Training
3. Investigation
4. Administration

10% Reduction Option

[Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Current Service Level Budget](#) – linked and attached on following page.

1. Elimination of Administrative Specialist 1 position - \$210,000 savings
 - a. Inability to meet increased demand for services
 - b. Slower response to public records request
 - c. Slower report processed
 - d. Decreased customer service
2. Elimination of Program Analyst 1/Trainer position - \$260,000 savings
 - a. Inability to meet increased demand for trainings
 - b. Slower response to advice requests
 - c. Limited training program development
 - d. Decreased customer service
3. Elimination of Compliance Specialist 2/Investigator position - \$287,000 savings
 - a. Delays in completing cases on time
 - b. Slower response to advice requests
 - c. Slower response to increased complaint load
 - d. Decreased customer service

Losing any of these positions would leave OGEC unable to meet its mission and the statutory deadlines set before the agency.

Other Funds, Lottery Funds, and ARPA Ending Balance Forms

[Other Funds Balance Form](#) – linked and attached on following page.

The Lottery Funds and ARPA Ending Balance Forms do not apply to OGEC.

Government Ethics Commission
2025-27 Biennium

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BEX100 AY25 November BDV002A AY27
N - LAB Column Projections J (A) - CSL Column Calculation to right

Updated Other Funds Ending Balances for the 2023-25 and 2025-27 Bienna

(a) Other Fund Type	(b) Program Area (SCR)	(c) Treasury Fund #/Name	(d) Category/Description	(e) Constitutional and/or statutory reference	(f) 2023-25 Ending Balance		(h) 2025-27 Ending Balance		(j) Comments
					In LAB	Revised	In CSL	Revised	
Limited	19900-010-00-00-00000	0401/Other Funds Cash Account	Operations	2007, CHAP 877, SEC 2/ORS 244.255 & .345	254,433	713,977	1,921,591	1,901,260	The difference between column F and G is due to receiving AR owed to the agency. The difference in column H and I is due to ongoing POP's that effect the revenues and may be revised.
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	BDV002A J	BDV002A J		
(g) Revised Beg	AY27 CSL Revenue Est	AY27 CSL Expenditures	Revised Ending	
713,977.00	7,005,742.00	5,818,459.00	1,901,260.00	
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Objective: Provide updated Other Funds ending balance information for potential use in the development of the 2025-27 legislatively adopted budget.

- Instructions:**
- Column (a): Select one of the following: Limited, Nonlimited, Capital Improvement, Capital Construction, Debt Service, or Debt Service Nonlimited.
 - Column (b): Select the appropriate Summary Cross Reference number and name from those included in the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget. If this changed from previous structures, please note the change in Comments (Column (j)).
 - Column (c): Select the appropriate, statutorily established Treasury Fund name and account number where fund balance resides. If the official fund or account name is different than the commonly used reference, please include the working title of the fund or account in Column (j).
 - Column (d): Select one of the following: Operations, Trust Fund, Grant Fund, Investment Pool, Loan Program, or Other. If "Other", please specify. If "Operations", in Comments (Column (j)), specify the number of months the reserve covers, the methodology used to determine the reserve amount, and the minimum need for cash flow purposes.
 - Column (e): List the Constitutional, Federal, or Statutory references that establishes or limits the use of the funds.
 - Columns (f) and (g): Use the appropriate, audited amount from the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget and the 2025-27 current service level at Governor's Budget.
 - Columns (h) and (i): Provide updated ending balances based on revised expenditure patterns or revenue trends. The revised column (i) should assume 2025-27 current service level expenditures, considering the updated 2023-25 ending balance and any updated 2025-27 revenue projections. Do not include adjustments and (i): for reduction options that have been submitted. Provide a description of revisions in Comments (Column (j)).
 - Column (j): Please note any reasons for significant changes in balances previously reported during the 2023 session.

Additional Materials: If the revised ending balances (Columns (g) or (i)) reflect a variance greater than 5% or \$50,000 from the amounts included in the LAB (Columns (f) or (h)), attach supporting memo or spreadsheet to detail the revised forecast.

Non-Applicable Items

The following items do not apply to OGEC:

- Results of, and agency responses to, all audits on the agency conducted by the Secretary of State under ORS 297.070 during the current biennium and/or an external audit firm.
- Supervisory Span of Control Report from the Department of Administrative Services Chief Human Resources Office, for agencies with more than 100 employees.
- Summary of proposed information technology and capital construction projects.
- Summary of long-term vacancy information requested by LFO.