

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE 2025-27 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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# Legislative Fiscal Office

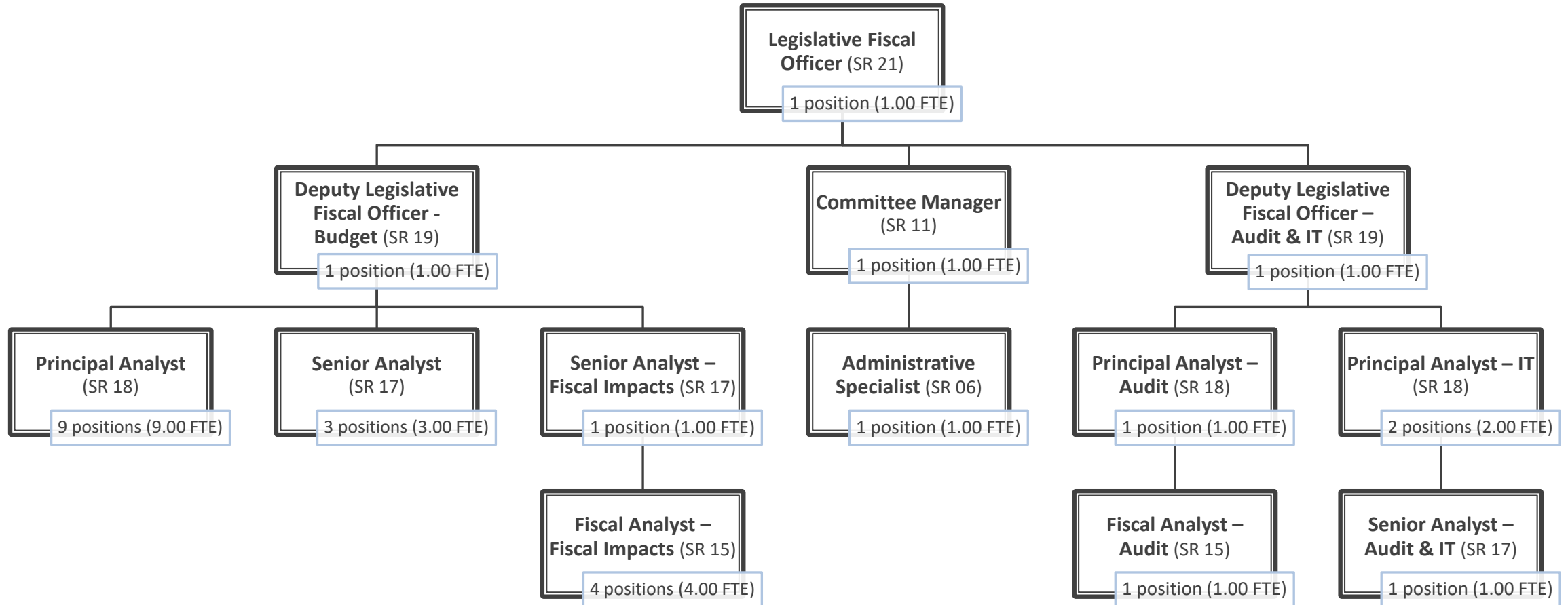
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- Non-partisan, independent, permanent professional support staff office to the Legislature created in 1959
- Mission is to promote state fiscal accountability by:
  - Providing comprehensive research, analysis, and recommendations on the state's biennial budget
  - Evaluating state expenditures, program administration, and agency organization
  - Assisting in development of the Legislature's adopted balanced budget
  - Preparing fiscal impact statements on legislative measures
  - Publishing detailed analyses, summary documents, and briefs on budget-related topics
- Provides staff to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means plus several other legislative committees

# LFO Organizational Chart

2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget

27 positions (27.00 FTE)



# LFO Session Responsibilities

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- Review, analysis, and recommendations for agency budgets
  - Review 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 on agency budget bills, budget reports, budget notes, and key performance measures
- Facilitate bill amendments, budget report finalization, and presentation of Ways and Means Subcommittee decisions for the Full Ways and Means Committee
- Assist bill carriers on the House and Senate floors
- Respond to questions and collect information requested by legislators

# LFO SESSION RESPONSIBILITIES FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

Review and analyze proposed legislation for budgetary impacts and prepare fiscal impact statements for measure reported out of legislative committees

- Fiscal Impact
- Minimal Impact
- No Impact



Legislative Fiscal Office  
82<sup>nd</sup> Oregon Legislative Assembly  
2024 Regular Session

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Date: February 6, 2024

**Bill Title:** Relating to judicial positions; prescribing an effective date.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Counties, Judicial Department, Secretary of State

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Judicial Department	\$ 1,911,049	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,911,049	14	6.00
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ 1,911,049</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,911,049</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6.00</b>

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Judicial Department	\$ 4,708,857	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,708,857	15	15.00
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ 4,708,857</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,708,857</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15.00</b>

**Measure Description**

The measure increases the number of statutory circuit court judgeships by three in the following three judicial districts. Statewide, the total number of statutory circuit court judgeships under the measure would increase from 179 to 182 positions. Under this measure, statutory circuit court judgeships would be added to:

- First Judicial District (Jackson County) - increases the number of judgeships from ten to eleven (1); effective July 1, 2024.
- Twentieth Judicial District (Washington County) - increases the number of judgeships from fifteen to sixteen (1); effective July 1, 2024.
- Fifth Judicial District (Clackamas County) - increases the number of judgeships from eleven to twelve (1); effective July 1, 2025.

The fiscal impact associated with establishing a statutory circuit court judgeship may include: (a) the cost of the judgeship position; (b) circuit court support staff; (c) county courthouse and/or facility costs for judge chambers, court staff, and potentially an additional courtroom; and (d) election cost.

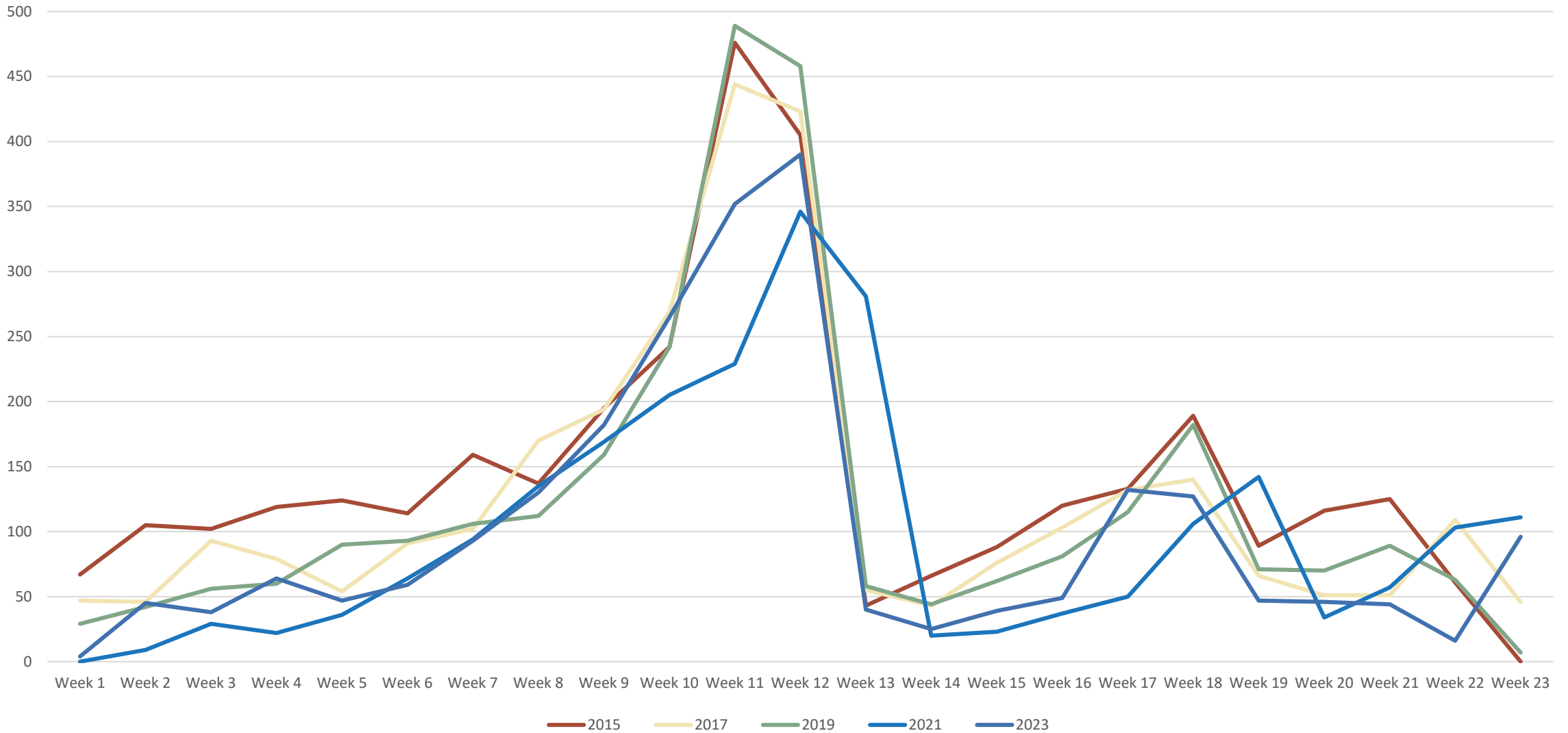
**Fiscal Analysis**

The total fiscal impact is estimated to be \$1.9 million General Fund, 14 positions (6.00 FTE) for the 2023-25 biennium and \$4.7 million General Fund, 15 positions (15.00 FTE) for the 2025-27 biennium.

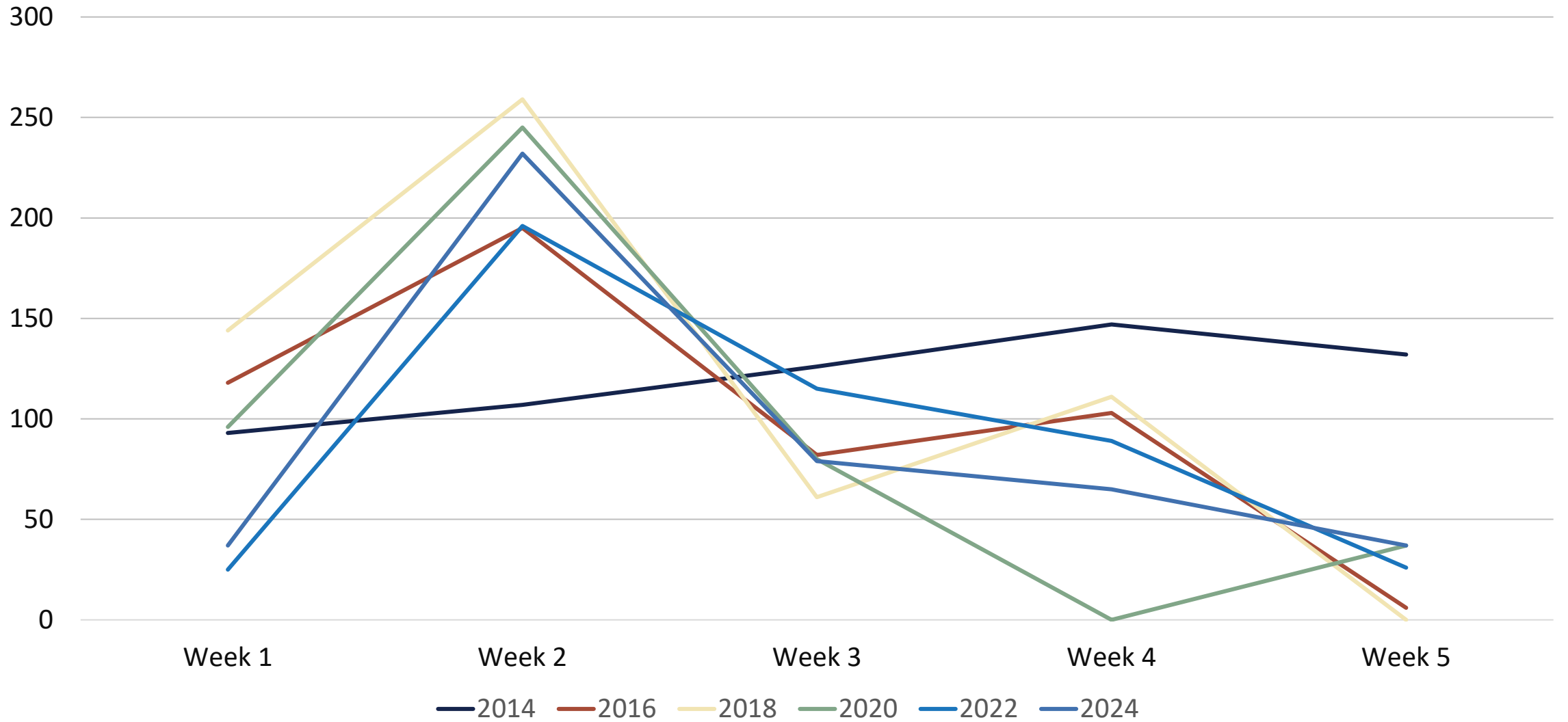
Oregon Judicial Department

The fiscal impact of the measure on the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) is \$1.9 million General Fund, 14 positions (6.00 FTE) for the 2023-25 biennium and \$4.7 million General Fund, 15 positions (15.00 FTE) for the 2025-27 biennium.

## Fiscal Impacts Issued by Week – Long Session



### Fiscal Impacts Issued by Week – Short Session



# LFO Interim Responsibilities

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- Analyze and make recommendations on agency requests to the Emergency Board and Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means
- Publish highlights report of session budgetary actions and detailed analysis reports of the legislatively adopted budget by agency and program
- Publish briefs and reports on budget-related topics and issues of interest to the Legislature
- Review state agency budget execution and operations
- Monitor agency expenditures and program implementation
- Respond to inquiries from legislators, press, agencies, citizens, NCSL, etc.



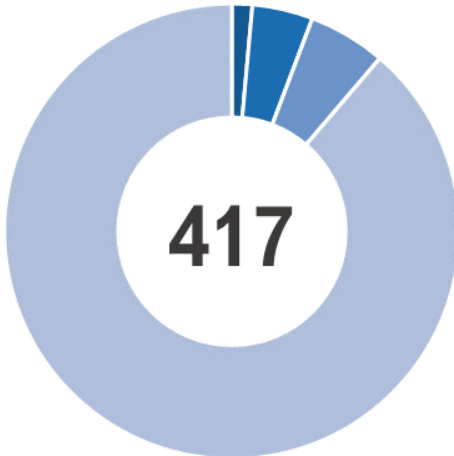
# Other Committees Staffed by LFO

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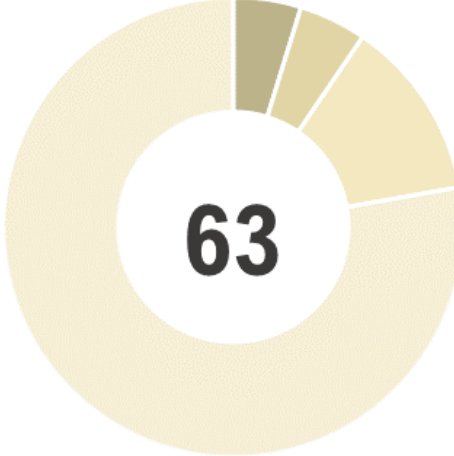
- **Emergency Board** is a constitutional body responsible for making certain allowable budget adjustments when the Legislature is not in session
- **Joint Legislative Audit Committee** is responsible for reviewing audits, conducting evaluations, and making recommendations for change based on audit findings
- **Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology** is responsible for establishing statewide policy on information systems and technology and making recommendations on information resource management programs and information technology acquisitions
- **Transparency Oregon Advisory Commission** is responsible for making recommendations to the Department of Administrative Services on the creation, contents, operations, and enhancements to the state's transparency website

# LFO Staffed Committees

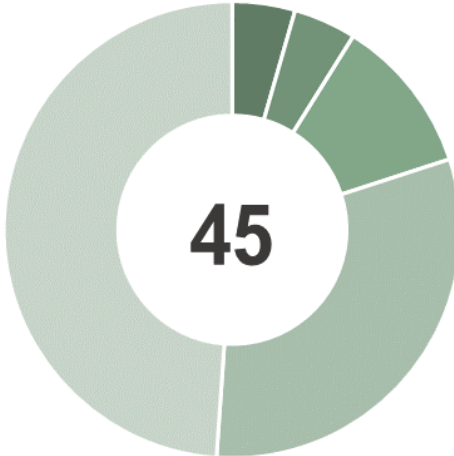
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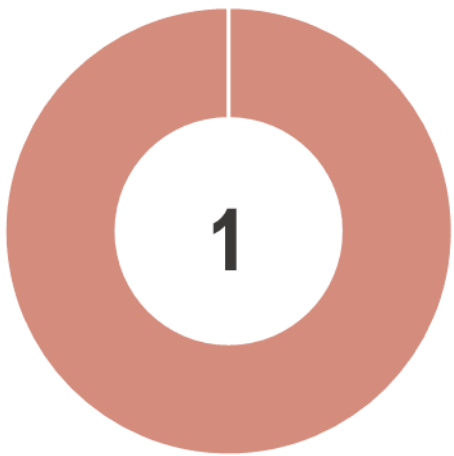
Number of committee meetings staffed in the 2023 session



Number of committee meetings staffed in the 2024 session



Number of committee meetings staffed during the 2023-24 interim



Special Session on Wildfire Funding

# Budget Committees

Budget reports are prepared for every budget bill and policy bill that includes budget adjustments.

LFO prepares an analysis for each request considered by the Emergency Board and Interim JWM Committee.

Subcommittee recommendations are prepared for every bill, report, or federal grant passed out to the Full Committee.

## Joint Committee on Ways and Means

- **2023 Session**
  - 521 bills referred to the JWM Committee
  - 201 bills passed out, including 95 budget bills and 106 policy bills
- **2024 Session**
  - 92 policy bills referred to the JWM Committee
  - 40 policy bills passed out
  - 7 budget bills introduced by JWM and passed out

## Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means

- **164 agenda items**
  - 60 budget recommendations to the JWM Committee in the 2024 Session
  - 30 reports
  - 74 federal grant applications

## Emergency Board

- **184 agenda items**
  - 56 budget adjustments
  - 38 reports
  - 90 federal grant applications

# LFO Budget

Legislative Fiscal Office				
FUND TYPE	2021-23 ACTUALS	2023-25 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2025-27 CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL	2025-27 REQUEST BUDGET
General Fund	7,059,391	9,602,798	10,418,582	10,682,465
Other Funds	3,711,670	5,338,078	5,783,501	5,783,501
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>10,771,061</b>	<b>14,940,876</b>	<b>16,202,083</b>	<b>16,465,966</b>
Positions	27	27	27	28
FTE	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.88

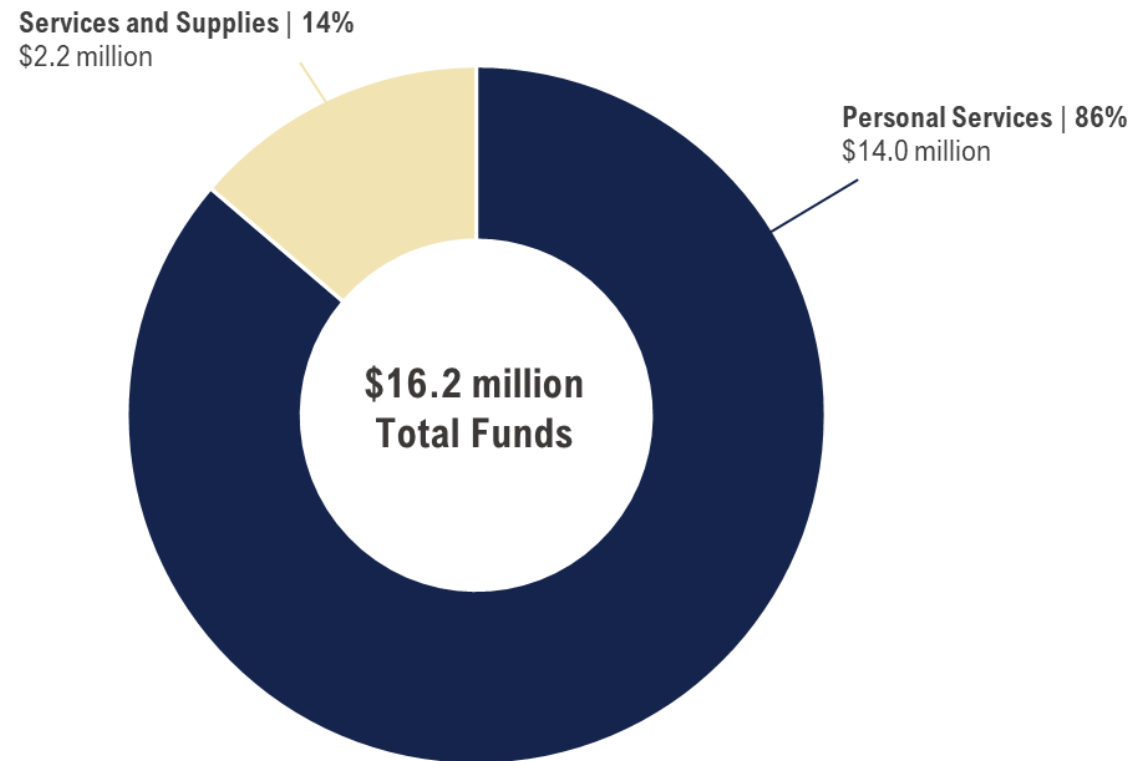
# LFO BUDGET

Staffing costs drive budgeted expenditures.

Workload is impacted by:

- Budget requests and reporting to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.
- Number and complexity of measures and amendments.
- Emergency Board meetings and special sessions.

## 2025-27 Current Service Level Budget *Expenditure Categories*



# 2025-27 Requests

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## **Position Reclassification** **\$2,554 General Fund**

Reclassify Legislative Fiscal Technician position that provides administrative support to the office and serves as LFO's one continuing committee assistant from a Salary Range 6 to Salary Range 7.

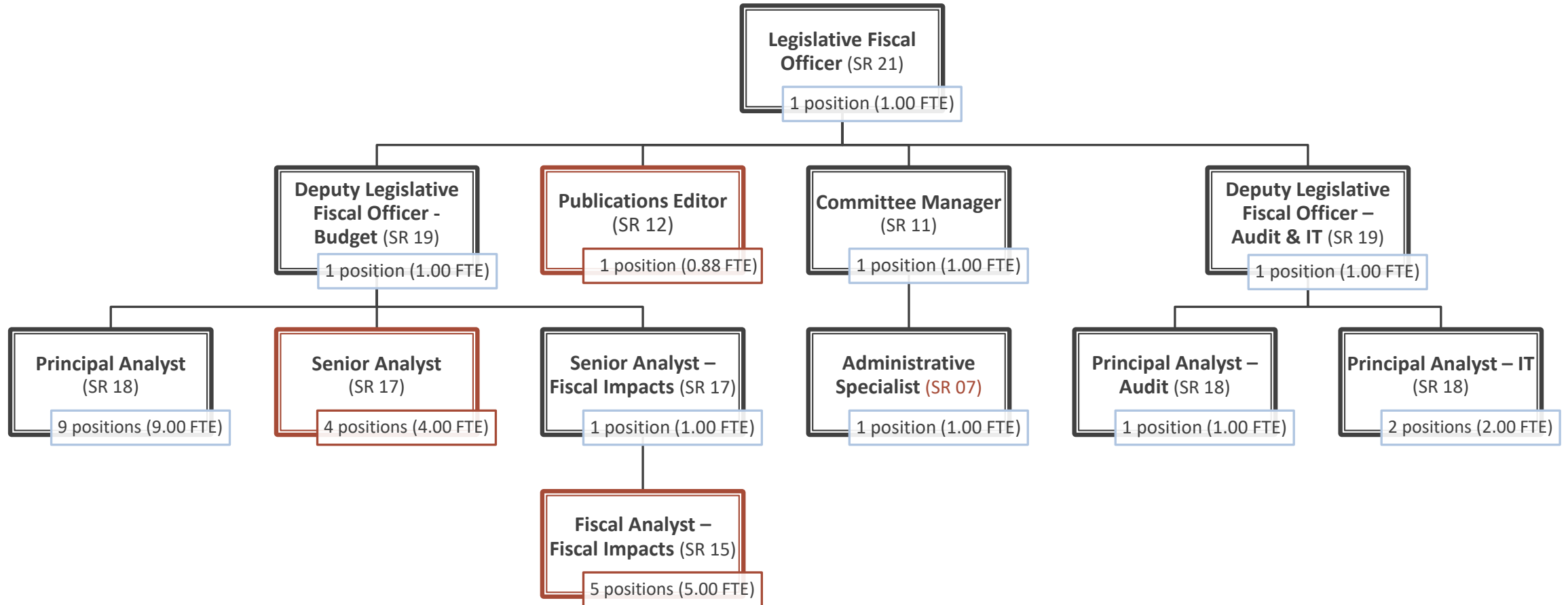
## **Publications Editor** **\$261,329 General Fund** One Position (0.88 FTE)

Add a Publications Editor position to review and edit LFO's written and online materials prior to publishing. Position will also manage information available LFO's website.

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2025-27 Request Budget

28 positions (27.88 FTE)



# Key Performance Measures

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Customer Service	Target	2021	2022	2023	2024
Accuracy	90%	97%	96%	100%	93%
Overall	90%	97%	96%	100%	79%
Timeliness	90%	88%	96%	100%	96%
Expertise	90%	94%	88%	97%	93%
Availability of Information	90%	94%	84%	95%	89%
Helpfulness	90%	97%	88%	97%	93%



# Questions?

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