

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5535

Public Records Advocate

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Smith

SB 5535 is the budget bill for the Office of the Public Records Advocate.

The Office promotes government transparency through educating and training public employees and members of the public on the requirements and best practices under Oregon public records law. The Office also provides assistance and dispute resolution services, upon request, to public record requestors and public bodies. The 2017 Legislative Assembly established the role of the Public Records Advocate housed in the Department of Administrative Services. The 2021 Legislative Assembly required the Public Records Advocate to be an independent agency. This 2025-27 biennium budget is the second time the Office submitted a budget request as an independent agency.

The Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$1,172,941 Other Funds. The budget includes 2 positions (2.00 FTE). The Subcommittee recommendation reflects the current service level budget and includes newly established key performance measures and targets.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 5535 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.