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To: General Government Subcommittee
From: Emily Coates, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: May 6, 2025
Subject: SB 5522 – Government Ethics Commission
Work Session Recommendations

Government Ethics Commission				
Agency Totals				
FUND TYPE	2021-23 ACTUAL	2023-25 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2025-27 CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL	2025-27 LFO RECOMMENDED
Other Funds	3,023,863	5,698,983	5,818,459	7,093,909
TOTAL FUNDS	3,023,863	5,698,983	5,818,459	7,093,909
Positions	9	15	15	15
FTE	9.00	13.63	15.00	15.00

Attached are the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommendations for the 2025-27 biennial budget and Key Performance Measures for the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC). The recommended budget of \$7.1 million Other Funds and 15 positions (15.00 FTE) represents a 24.5% increase from the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget (LAB), and a 21.9% increase from the current service level budget. Increases from the 2023-25 LAB are attributable to standard personal services growth and inflation for services and supplies, and one-time costs for Case Management System and Electronic Filing System IT upgrades.

The recommended budget is projected to leave OGEC with an ending balance of approximately \$685,224, which is equivalent to 2.3 months of operating reserves.

Adjustments to Current Service Level

See attached "Work Session Presentation Report."

Note: Statewide adjustments and six-year capital construction expenditures are not included in these recommendations. Any needed adjustments will be made in end of session bills.

Accept LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation to SB 5522. *(vote)*

OR

Modify LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation to SB 5522, with modifications. *(vote)*

Performance Measures

See attached “Legislatively Proposed 2025-27 Key Performance Measures.”

Accept LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation on Key Performance Measures. *(vote)*

OR

Modify LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation on Key Performance Measures, with modifications. *(vote)*

Amendment

LFO recommends a budget of \$7,093,909 Other Funds and 15 positions (15.00 FTE), which is reflected in the –1 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –1 amendment to SB 5522. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 5522, as amended by the –1 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 5522, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor:

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2025-27 BienniumVersion: L - 01 - LFO Analyst Recommended
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Oregon Government Ethics Commission

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
2023-25 Agy. Leg. Adopted	-	-	5,415,403	-	-	-	5,415,403	15	13.63
2023-25 Ebds, SS & Admin Act	-	-	283,580	-	-	-	283,580	-	-
Ways & Means Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	-	-	5,698,983	-	-	-	5,698,983	15	13.63
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget (Base)	-	-	5,698,983	-	-	-	5,698,983	15	13.63
Summary of Base Adjustments	-	-	623,172	-	-	-	623,172	-	1.37
2025-27 Base Budget	-	-	6,322,155	-	-	-	6,322,155	15	15.00
010: Non-PICS Pers Svc/Vacancy Factor	-	-	7,918	-	-	-	7,918	-	-
020: Phase In / Out Pgm & One-time Cost	-	-	(726,629)	-	-	-	(726,629)	-	-
030: Inflation & Price List Adjustments	-	-	215,015	-	-	-	215,015	-	-
2025-27 Current Service Level	-	-	5,818,459	-	-	-	5,818,459	15	15.00
Adjusted 2025-27 Current Service Level	-	-	5,818,459	-	-	-	5,818,459	15	15.00
Total LFO Recommended Packages	-	-	1,275,450	-	-	-	1,275,450	-	-
2025-27 Legislative Actions	-	-	7,093,909	-	-	-	7,093,909	15	15.00
Net change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	-	-	1,394,926	-	-	-	1,394,926	-	1.37
Percent change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	0.0%	0.0%	24.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24.5%	0.0%	10.1%
Net change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	-	-	1,275,450	-	-	-	1,275,450	-	-
Percent change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	0.0%	0.0%	21.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.9%	0.0%	0.0%

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General Program

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
2023-25 Agy. Leg. Adopted	-	-	5,415,403	-	-	-	5,415,403	15	13.63
2023-25 Ebds, SS & Admin Act	-	-	283,580	-	-	-	283,580	-	-
Ways & Means Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	-	-	5,698,983	-	-	-	5,698,983	15	13.63
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget (Base)	-	-	5,698,983	-	-	-	5,698,983	15	13.63
Summary of Base Adjustments	-	-	623,172	-	-	-	623,172	-	1.37
2025-27 Base Budget	-	-	6,322,155	-	-	-	6,322,155	15	15.00
010: Non-PICS Pers Svc/Vacancy Factor	-	-	7,918	-	-	-	7,918	-	-
020: Phase In / Out Pgm & One-time Cost	-	-	(726,629)	-	-	-	(726,629)	-	-
030: Inflation & Price List Adjustments	-	-	215,015	-	-	-	215,015	-	-
2025-27 Current Service Level	-	-	5,818,459	-	-	-	5,818,459	15	15.00
Adjusted 2025-27 Current Service Level	-	-	5,818,459	-	-	-	5,818,459	15	15.00
Total LFO Recommended Packages	-	-	1,275,450	-	-	-	1,275,450	-	-
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Net change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	-	-	1,394,926	-	-	-	1,394,926	-	1.37
Percent change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	0.0%	0.0%	24.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24.5%	0.0%	10.1%
Net change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	-	-	1,275,450	-	-	-	1,275,450	-	-
Percent change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	0.0%	0.0%	21.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.9%	0.0%	0.0%

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Package 100 DOJ Fee Increases

Package Description This package increases Other Funds expenditure limitation to address the increase in legal costs resulting from a higher volume of requests for advice, investigations, and opinions.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	600,000	-	-	-	600,000	-	-
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Package 101 Position Reclass

Package Description This package includes the difference in personal services resulting from the reclassification of an Operations and Policy Analyst 2 to a Policy, Planning, and Development Manager 2, as approved by the Department of Administrative Services Chief Human Resources Office. This reclassification allows the existing position to be more aligned with current duties.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	40,710	-	-	-	40,710	-	-
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Package 102 Training Upgrades

Package Description This package increases Other Funds expenditure to cover costs of providing additional in-person and remote training events due to increased demand for services. Of this amount, \$42,000 is for system updates, subscriptions for software services, and online courses, and \$33,000 is for travel costs.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000	-	-
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Package 103 Upgrades to CMS/EFS

Package Description This package provies a one-time increase of Other Funds expenditure limitation for Case Management System (CMS) and Electronic Filing System (EFS) upgrades. These upgrades will improve effectiveness of the systems, agency productivity, and ease the use of CMS/EFS for staff and the public.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	300,000	-	-
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Package 801 LFO Analyst Adjustments

Package Description This package provides a one-time increase of Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Case Management System and Electronic Filing System upgrades that was not carried forward from the 2023-25 biennium. The project was delayed due to the prioritization of system updates related to the implementation of HB 2038 (2023).

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	259,740	-	-	-	259,740	-	-
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Legislatively Proposed 2025 - 2027 Key Performance Measures

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Agency: Government Ethics Commission

Mission Statement:

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission will impartially and effectively administer and enforce Oregon's government ethics laws for the benefit of Oregon's citizens. The Commission will emphasize education in achieving its mission. The regulatory jurisdiction of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission covers provisions of ORS Chapter 244, Oregon Government Ethics law; ORS 171.725 to 171.785 and 171.992, Lobby Regulation law; and executive session provisions of Oregon Public Meetings law, ORS 192.660

Legislatively Proposed KPMs	Metrics	Agency Request	Last Reported Result	Target 2026	Target 2027
1. Percentage of statutory time limit used for preliminary reviews, investigations, staff opinions and Commission advisory opinions.		Approved	92.50%	90%	90%
2. Quality of investigations completed through peer review.		Approved	4.95	5	5
3. Training Program's Effectiveness - Percentage of wrong answers by training participants on questions after training compared to the percentage of wrong answers prior to training.		Approved	40%	75%	75%
4. Minimize Case Disposition Costs - Percentage of contested cases settled before hearing.		Approved	100	100	100
5. Customer Service - Percentage of customers rating their satisfaction with agency's customer service as "good" or "excellent": overall, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness, expertise, availability of information.	a) Overall	Approved	85	95	95
	b) Accuracy		84	90	90
	c) Timeliness		84	90	90
	d) Helpfulness		84	95	95
	e) Expertise		89	95	95
	f) Availability of Information		85	90	90
6. Governance Best Practices - Percent of total best practices met by the commission.		Approved	100	100	100

LFO Recommendation:

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends approval of the proposed Key Performance Measures and targets.

SubCommittee Action: