

SB 5522 BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Government Ethics Commission

2025-27

Budget Summary*

	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
Other Funds Limited	\$ 5,698,983	\$ 5,818,459	\$ 7,093,909	\$ 1,394,926	24.5%
Total	\$ 5,698,983	\$ 5,818,459	\$ 7,093,909	\$ 1,394,926	24.5%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	15	15	15	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	13.63	15.00	15.00	1.37

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2025

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

Funding for the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) comes from an assessment. 50% of the agency's revenue comes from state agencies, and 50% comes from local and regional governments. State agencies and public universities are assessed based upon their number of full-time equivalent positions. A portion of these assessment revenues originate as General Fund. Local entities are assessed based upon a formula connected to the Municipal Audit charge collected by the Secretary of State. Additionally, the Commission collects fines and forfeitures through the imposition of civil penalties. These revenues are transferred to the General Fund and are not used to support agency operations.

Summary of General Government Subcommittee Action

The mission of OGEC is to impartially administer and enforce Oregon's government ethics laws. Oregon Government Ethics law, Lobbying Regulation law, and the executive session provisions of Oregon Public Meetings law are within the regulatory jurisdiction of the OGEC. The Commission and its staff educate public officials and lobbyists on government ethics, lobby regulation, and executive session provisions of public meeting laws through on-line and in-person training. Over 200,000 public officials and lobbyists are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

The Subcommittee recommended a budget of \$7,093,909 Other Funds. The recommended budget is a 24.5% increase from the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget and includes 15 positions (15.00 FTE). The Subcommittee recommended the following packages:

- Package 100: DOJ Fee Increases. This package increases Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$600,000 to address the increase in legal costs resulting from a higher volume of requests for advice, investigations, and opinions.
- Package 101: Position Reclassification. This package increases Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$40,710 to cover the difference in Personal Services costs 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.
- Package 102: Training Upgrades. This package increases Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$75,000 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.
- Package 103: Upgrades to CMS/EFS. This package provides a one-time increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$300,000 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.
- Package 801: LFO Analyst Adjustments. This package provides a one-time increase of Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$259,740 for the Case Management System and Electronic Filing System upgrades that needs to be carried forward from the 2023-25 biennium. The project was delayed due to the prioritization of system updates related to the implementation of House Bill 2038 (2023).

Summary of Performance Measure Action

See attached Legislatively Adopted 2025-27 Key Performance Measures form.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Oregon Government Ethics Commission
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget at Jan 2025 *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,698,983	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,698,983	15	13.63
2025-27 Current Service Level (CSL)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,818,459	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,818,459	15	15.00
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u>									
SCR 010 - General Program									
Package 100: DOJ Fee Increases Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000		
Package 101: Position Reclass Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,710	0	0.00
Package 102: Training Upgrades Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000		
Package 103: Upgrades to CMS/EFS Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000		
Package 801: LFO Analyst Adjustments Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,740	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,740		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,275,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,275,450	0	0.00
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,093,909	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,093,909	15	15.00
% 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%
% Change from 2025-27 Current Service Level	0.0%	0.0%	21.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.9%	0.0%	0.0%

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures

Legislatively Approved 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 Approved 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:

The General Government Subcommittee approved the Key Performance Measures and targets, as presented.