SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5522

Government Ethics Commission

| То: | Ways and Means Full Committee |
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| From: | General Government Subcommittee |
| Carrier: | Senator Manning |

SB 5522 is the budget bill for the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. The Commission impartially administers and enforces Oregon's government ethics laws. The Commission and its staff also educate public officials and lobbyists on government ethics, lobbying regulation, and executive session provisions of public meetings law.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$7,093,909 Other Funds and 15 positions (15.00 FTE), which represents an increase of 21.9% above the current service level budget. The budget includes approximately \$1.3 million for Case Management System and Electronic Filing System upgrades, additional Department of Justice legal fees, training upgrades, and reclassifying a position as approved by the Department of Administrative Services Chief Human Resource Office.

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

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 5522 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.