

HB 4177 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sosa

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 03/02/26

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 11 - Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy E, Nosse, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

Nays: 1 - Owens

Exc: 1 - Reschke

Senate Vote

Yeas: 8 - Anderson, Campos, Frederick, Lieber, Manning Jr, Neron Misslin, Sollman, Starr

Nays: 2 - McLane, Smith DB

Exc: 1 - Girod

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Oregon Government Ethics Commission

2025-27

Budget Summary*

	2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2026 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2025-27 Leg. Approved	
			\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 325,950	\$ 325,950	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ 325,950	\$ 325,950	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2026

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 4177 appropriates \$325,950 General Fund, on a one-time basis, to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) to cover legal costs related to updating administrative rules for Public Meeting Law.

Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action

House Bill 4177 updates the definition and scope of meetings, convenings, and deliberations that are covered under Public Meeting Law (PML) and enforced by OGEC. The measure modifies the entities and parties required to take trainings and the deadlines for completing those training courses. The measure makes changes to the processes and deadlines for filing, reviewing, and resolving allegations of possible PML violations.

The Subcommittee recommended a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$325,950 to support the costs of Department of Justice (DOJ) legal review as OGEC will have to update administrative rules to incorporate the changes to PML made by the measure. Additionally, in some cases, individuals file complaints against state agencies alleging violations of PML statutes. This appropriation also includes funds to cover cases where OGEC contracts with outside legal counsel. When a state agency is the subject of an allegation and investigation, DOJ represents the state agency. As a result, OGEC will have to enter into a contract with outside legal counsel to work on that case until the case is resolved.

Future biennia costs associated for this work will be built into the OGEC assessment rates.

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			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 010 - General Program									
Services and Supplies	\$ 325,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,950		
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	<u>\$ 325,950</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 325,950</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
% Change from 2025-27 Leg Approved Budget	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures