

**74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2007 Regular Session
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

MEASURE: HB 5025-A

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**Carrier – House: Rep. Krummel
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Bates**

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 19 – 0 – 2

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

– Nays:

– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett

– Nays:

– Exc: Bates, Winters

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Meeting Date: 6/8/07

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Senators: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson,
Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett, Winters

Senator Kurt Schrader, Co-Chair

Representatives: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson,
Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

Representative Mary Nolan, Co-Chair

Representative Bob Jenson, General Government Subcommittee Chair

Budget Summary*

	2005-07		2007-09		Percentage Committee
	Legislatively Approved Budget (1)	Governor's Budget	Committee Recommendation	Difference from Governor's Budget	Change from Governor's Budget
General Fund	\$ 653,700	\$ 927,210	\$ 1,065,691	\$ +138,481	+14.9%
Other Funds	3,285	3,368	3,368	0	0.0%
Total	\$ 656,985	\$ 930,578	\$ 1,069,059	\$ +138,481	+14.9%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	3	5	6	+1
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	3.00	5.00	5.79	+0.79

(1) Includes adjustments through the December 2006 meeting of the Emergency Board

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

The Government Standards and Practices Commission (GSPC) is funded almost entirely by General Fund. Other Funds revenue, generated by reimbursement for the cost of printing and distributing public documents, comprises less than one percent of the budget. The Commission also collects civil penalties and forfeitures related to ethics law violations. These receipts are transferred to the General Fund.

Summary of Subcommittee Action

The mission of the GSPC is to impartially administer the regulatory provisions of standards and practices law, lobby regulation, and executive session provisions of the public meetings law. These laws require financial disclosure filings for public officials, regulate lobbyist registration, and prescribe methods for handling conflict of interest situations. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means General Government Subcommittee approved a budget of \$1,065,691 General Fund, \$3,368 Other Funds, and 5.79 full-time equivalent positions. This funding level represents a 54 percent increase over the agency's Essential Budget Level.

The following actions were taken by the Subcommittee:

- Package 100: Reclass and Office Support, reclassifies the agency's executive support position due to enhanced duties and establishes a permanent, full-time office assistant to provide routine support for the Commission. The package was modified to approve the new GSPC Director's request to reclassify the existing executive support position to a Program Analyst 1 classification instead of the Compliance Specialist 1 included in the Governor's budget. Although this reclassification represents an increase in salary range, no additional funding was provided. The Subcommittee also reduced Personal Services by \$1,248 General Fund to reflect six months Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) savings on the newly established Office Assistant 2 position.
- Package 101: Training and Development Specialist, establishes a permanent, full-time position to provide education and training services statutorily required of the agency and currently provided by the Executive Director. The Subcommittee amended the package to grant the new GSPC Director's request to reclassify the proposed position to a Program Analyst 1 classification instead of the Training and Development Specialist 1 included in the Governor's budget. The Subcommittee also changed the effective date of the position to October 1, 2007 to allow adequate time for relocation and recruitment activities. Position-related Services and Supplies were reduced to reflect the change in effective date. The net effect of the Subcommittee's actions is a \$17,308 General Fund reduction.
- Package 102: Electronic Filing Study, provides funding to study the feasibility of an electronic filing system for GSPC documents. The Subcommittee eliminated the package from the Commission's budget. Senate Bill 10 requires the establishment of an electronic filing system, and the planning costs associated with the system will be considered with that legislation.

The Subcommittee recommended the establishment of a Special Purpose Appropriation of \$700,000 General Fund for GSPC be included in Senate Bill 5509, the Emergency Fund budget bill, for costs related to the development of an electronic filing system as required by Senate Bill 10. The system is to be available to the general public for review on January 1, 2010. The agency, in conjunction with the Department of Administrative Services Enterprise Information Strategy and Policy Division and the Legislative Fiscal Office, is preparing an implementation strategy to develop a rough timeline and cost estimate to present to the Legislature or Emergency Board in February 2008.

- Package 806: LFO Adjustment- Senate Bill 10 Investigations, allocates resources to provide investigative work required by ethics law changes embodied in Senate Bill 10. The Subcommittee allocated \$105,567 General Fund to establish one permanent, full-time Compliance Specialist 1 (0.92 full-time equivalent) position, and position-related Services and Supplies, effective September 1, 2007.
- Package 807: LFO Adjustment- Moving Expenses, provides funding for GSPC to move from its current office to a new location. The relocation is necessitated by space limitations at the agency's current site and increased staffing provided in policy packages and by Senate Bill 10. The Subcommittee authorized \$61,470 General Fund for increased rent, conference room furniture, remodeling and moving costs. All of the costs except for the rent increase are considered one-time expenditures in the 2007-09 biennium.

The Subcommittee also directed the agency to report to the Budget and Management (BAM) Division of the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office on the actual costs of the relocation. If the actual moving-related expenses are less than the estimated costs, BAM will unschedule the difference with the understanding that these funds will either revert to the General Fund at the conclusion of the biennium or be applied toward costs of developing the GSPC's electronic filing and reporting system.

Summary of Performance Measure Action

See attached Legislatively Adopted 2007-09 Key Performance Measures form.