

Senate Bill 56

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SUMMARY

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Creates Legislative Research Office. Specifies duties of office.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Legislative Research Office; and appropriating money.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. As used in sections 1 to 5 of this 2007 Act, "appointing authorities" means**
5 **the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Minority**
6 **Leader of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the Senate.**

7 **SECTION 2. A Legislative Research Office is created within the legislative branch. The**
8 **appointing authorities shall appoint a director of the office. The director serves at the**
9 **pleasure of the appointing authorities. The appointing authorities shall fix the salary of the**
10 **director.**

11 **SECTION 3. (1) The Director of the Legislative Research Office may employ and fix the**
12 **compensation of such professional assistants and clerical and other employees as the direc-**
13 **tor finds necessary for the effective conduct of the work of the Legislative Research Office.**

14 **(2) Subject to the limitations otherwise provided by law for expenses of state officers, the**
15 **director and employees of the Legislative Research Office shall be reimbursed for all actual**
16 **and necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties.**

17 **SECTION 4. (1) Pursuant to the policies and directions of the appointing authorities, the**
18 **Legislative Research Office shall:**

19 **(a) Upon written request of a member of the Legislative Assembly or any committee of**
20 **the Legislative Assembly, prepare or assist in the preparation of studies and reports and**
21 **provide information and research assistance on proposed legislation and other matters of**
22 **interest to the Legislative Assembly.**

23 **(b) Ascertain facts and provide analysis of proposed legislation.**

24 **(c) Make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly concerning legislation proposed**
25 **by state agencies.**

26 **(d) Seek the advice and assistance of political subdivisions of this state, governmental**
27 **agencies and any interested persons, associations or organizations in the performance of the**
28 **duties of the office.**

29 **(e) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law or by resolution of the Leg-**
30 **islative Assembly.**

31 **(2) The Director of the Legislative Research Office may adopt rules relating to the sub-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 mission, processing and prioritization of requests. Rules adopted under this subsection shall
2 be in conformance with any applicable rule of the House of Representatives or the Senate,
3 and shall be reviewed and approved by the appointing authorities before adoption. A request
4 made by a resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly shall be given priority over other
5 requests received or initiated by the office.

6 (3) Pursuant to the policies and directions of the appointing authority, the Director of
7 the Legislative Research Office may enter into contracts to carry out the functions of the
8 Legislative Research Office.

9 SECTION 5. (1) The Legislative Research Office may accept, receive, receipt for, disburse
10 and expend federal moneys and other moneys, public or private, for the accomplishment of
11 the purposes of sections 1 to 5 of this 2007 Act.

12 (2) All federal moneys accepted under this section shall be accepted and transferred or
13 expended by the Legislative Research Office upon such terms and conditions as are pre-
14 scribed by the United States.

15 (3) All other moneys accepted under this section shall be accepted and transferred or
16 expended by the Legislative Research Office upon such terms and conditions as are pre-
17 scribed by law.

18 (4) All moneys received by the Legislative Research Office pursuant to this section shall
19 be deposited in the State Treasury and, unless otherwise prescribed by the authority from
20 which such moneys were received, shall be kept in separate funds designated according to
21 the purposes for which the moneys were made available, and held by the state in trust for
22 such purposes. All such moneys are continuously appropriated to the Legislative Research
23 Office for the purposes for which they were made available, to be disbursed or expended in
24 accordance with the terms and conditions upon which they were made available.
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