

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Jensen, Read, Roblan
Nays: 0
Exc.: Nolan
Prepared By: Jerry Watson, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 4/8, 4/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Oregon Government Ethics Commission to keep confidential all information considered before approving a motion to proceed on its own motion. Allows any person aggrieved to petition for a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Declares an emergency; takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Confidentiality of information obtained in investigations initiated by Government Ethics Commission
- Need for confidentiality

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law allows the Oregon Government Ethics Commission to investigate possible violations of lobby and ethics laws either based on a complaint received, or on the commission's own motion (in lieu of receiving a complaint). The commission is required to keep confidential all information considered before proceeding on a complaint received; this measure makes that same requirement when the commission investigates without a complaint. Proponents assert that there is a need for confidentiality of information obtained in such investigations.