

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Atkinson, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
**Prepared By:** Lisa Nuss, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 2/27, 3/6

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**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:**

- Minimal fiscal report - Agency doesn't anticipate any extra work involved
- Makes process consistent for all investigations

**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.