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To: John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office

From: Ronald A. Bersin, Executive Director, Oregon Government Ethics Commission

Re: Committee Questions

Below are the questions asked by the General Government Sub-Committee of Joint Ways and Means during the Oregon Government Ethics Commission's public hearing:

1. To what extent will the electronic filing system will pre-load data for individuals? Your testimony was that this type of functionality isn't planned. However, after the meeting, we discussed you researching with NIC-USA the estimated cost of adding such functionality and when it could be implemented. I think that is still a good idea.
2. Calculation of an estimated beginning and ending cash balance for the 2017-19 biennium.

Below are the agency's responses to the two questions, including the information requested.

1. I have checked with NIC USA and we can add this feature before the January 2016 implementation date. I want to caution Legislators that the first filing (2015 filing due April 15, 2016) will require them to populate all 10 questions asked within the SEI. The agency will not be bringing information filed previously by paper into the new system. This was a decision made early on in the process because of the dangers of conforming with the statutory deadline, essentially expanding the scope past our January 1, 2016 date. There were also concerns about the effect prior information would have on the new system, and finding the resources to input this prior data. So again, by April 15, 2016, each SEI filer will be responsible for populating all areas of their SEI.

In 2017 all areas of the SEI will be prepopulated with the information they reported in 2016, with two exceptions. Both question 4 (Office Related Events) and question 5 (Honorarium) will only prepopulate an answer from the prior year of "none" ("None" will be a checked box option on all 10 questions with the SEI. On questions 4&5, if a filer had checked the "None" box in the previous year, it will remain checked in the current year). Any events reported in the prior year, or honorarium accepted will not populate into the following year. The reason for this is both of these questions only relate to events attended or honorarium received from that specific year. Events attended or honorarium previously reported are specific to the year reported, so essentially there is nothing to prepopulate.

2. Below please find a small excel spreadsheet provided to me by DAS accounting and CFO to answer the question on projected beginning and ending balances for the 2017-19 biennium.

A199 Projected Ending Cash Balance  
As of 3/10/2015

	Appn 30000 Gen Admin
<b>Estimated June 30, 15 Ending</b>	721,911.96
15-17 Revenue (including \$127K) GB	1,692,500.00
15-17 Expenditures (including \$127K) GB	(2,077,208.00)
<b>15-17 Ending balance</b>	<b>337,203.96</b>
<b>Estimated June 30, 17 Ending</b>	337,203.96
17-19 Revenue (set to cover Exp + 3 Mos Contigency)	2,337,600.00
17-19 Expenditures	
PS 15-17 GB + 13% inflation	(1,529,400.00)
SS 15-17 GB + 3% (includes \$127K)	(745,500.00)
<b>17-19 Ending balance</b>	<b>399,903.96</b>