

**HB 2019**

**Relating to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission**

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SB 2019 relates to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

The Subcommittee recommends a \$455,076 Other Funds expenditure limitation and the establishment of one permanent full-time position for 0.88 FTE. The revenue will come from the Government Ethics Commission's statutory assessment, which is equally shared between state agencies and local government.

The measure expands the membership of the Commission from seven to nine members, modifies the appointment process for commissioners, and reduces the number of days allowed for the preliminary review of an ethics investigation from 135 to 30 days. The measure also requires advisory opinions and other statements to be made available online by January 1, 2017. This applies to cases filed on or after the effective date of the measure.

The Commission will contract with a private vendor to develop a case management system in order to provide for online reporting and to help accommodate its increase in workload.

The 2017-19 cost of the measure is estimated to be \$311,487.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 2019 be amended by the -A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.