

**HB 5020**

**Oregon Government Ethics Commission**

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HB 5020 is the budget bill for the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. The Commission regulates activities of lobbyists and ethics of public officials, and enforces the executive session provisions of the state's Public Meetings laws. It also conducts education sessions for public officials and lobbyists.

The General Government Subcommittee approved a \$2.4 million Other Funds budget for the Commission that includes eight positions and 8.00 FTE. The budget is 8.2% higher than the legislatively approved budget for 2013-2015 biennium.

Funding is provided to finish the development of an electronic reporting system for lobbyists and public officials who must file annual Statements of Economic Interest. Under current law, the reporting system must be completed by January 1, 2016. The project is currently on schedule, within scope, and under budget.

A budget note directs the Commission to report to the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means in the Fall of 2015 to document its readiness to proceed with the final implementation the project.

The Subcommittee approved key performance measures and targets for the Commission.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5020 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.