

**HB 5036**

**Secretary of State**

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HB 5036 is the budget bill for the Secretary of State. The Secretary is the auditor of public accounts, chief elections officer, and manager of the state's records. The agency also registers business entities and secured personal property transactions, commissions Notary Publics, and publishes administrative rules.

The General Government Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$70.5 million and 212 positions. The budget includes funding for additional personnel in the agency's Information Services Division, to support IT infrastructure security and application development; and funds both state and county costs of implementing HB 2177. Half of the support for counties is appropriated to the Emergency Board, pending a report of the impact of the new law on voter registration rolls.

The budget continues improvements to the Oregon Business Registry, establishes a new two-person IT Audit Team, adds an additional position to support the Office of Small Business Assistance, and authorizes \$500,000 for compact shelving in the Archives Building to increase capacity to store the state's permanent historical records.

The budget also approves the transfer of \$6.2 million of the agency's Other Funds to the General Fund, to help address the state's 2015-17 biennium budget needs. These funds consist of moneys from business registration fees that exceed the cost of operating the agency's business registration program.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5036 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.