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**SB 1577: Support**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) supports SB 1577, which:

Establishes Legislative Committee on Accountability as joint committee of Legislative Assembly composed of equal number of majority and minority members. Directs committee to appoint Director of Legislative Accountability Office and majority and minority counsels. Authorizes director to employ all other staff of Legislative Accountability Office.

Charges office with conducting performance and management audits of state agencies, state programs and state-funded programs, with investigating allegations of illegal or improper activities by state agencies, state programs and state-funded programs, with investigating and reporting on effectiveness of state government programs and policies in meeting objectives and with performing policy analysis for Legislative Assembly. Directs office to report findings and recommendations to committee.

SB 1577 appears to supplement the existing authority of the Secretary of State to conduct audits of state agencies and programs. As the Secretary of State is an office elected on a partisan basis, this supplementation of audit authority appears warranted.

Please include this statement in the legislative record for this bill.

Thank you.

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