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# **Legislative Fiscal Office**

**2017-19 Budget Presentation**

**March 2017**



# Mission

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## **The Legislative Fiscal Office's mission is to promote state fiscal accountability**

- The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) provides objective research, analysis, and evaluation of state expenditures, financial affairs, program administration, and agency operations
- Created in 1959 as a non-partisan, independent, permanent professional support staff office to the Legislature
- LFO provides staffing to several legislative committees



# Funding

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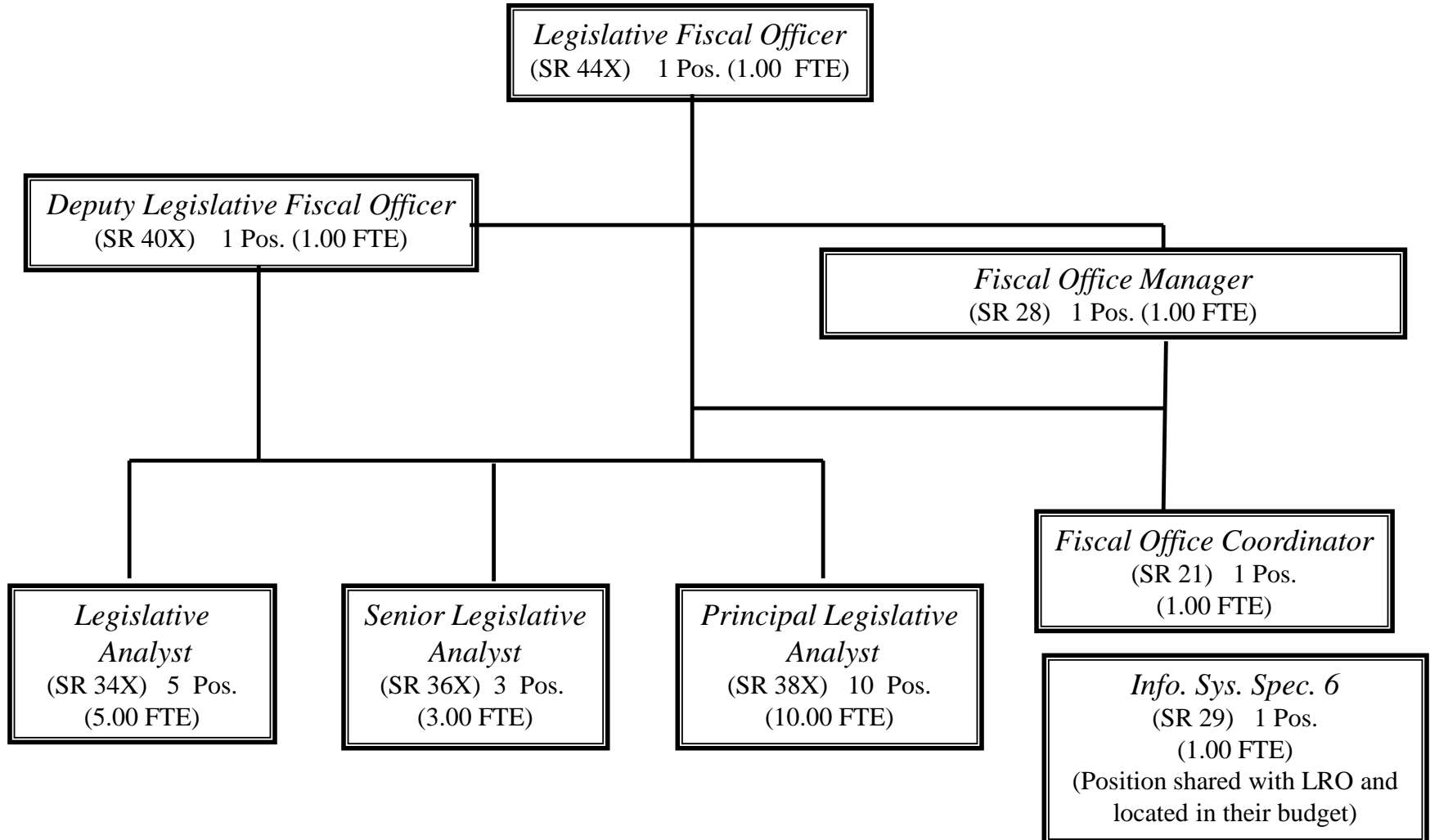
## The Legislative Fiscal Office's funding is:

- 2015-17 Legislatively Approved Budget:
  - \$4,571,581 General Fund
  - \$3,530,895 Other Funds
  - \$8,102,476 Total Funds
  - 22 positions (22.00 FTE)
  
- 2017-19 Requested Budget (continues current operations):
  - \$4,989,962 General Fund
  - \$3,779,805 Other Funds
  - \$8,769,767 Total Funds
  - 22 positions (22.00 FTE)



# LFO Organization Chart

## 2015-17 Legislatively Adopted Budget





# Session - Budget Role

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- Review agency budgets for accuracy
- Analyze fiscal and policy issues
- Examine revenue sources, expenditure limitations, expenditure patterns, staffing levels, and proposed law changes
- Review impact of budget reductions or enhancements
- Make recommendations to the Legislature related to agency budgets
- Facilitate responses to questions and collection of information requested by legislators
- Facilitate bill amendments, budget note and budget report finalization, and presentation of Ways and Means Subcommittee decisions for the Full Committee
- Assist bill carriers on House and Senate floors



# Session – Fiscal Impact Role

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- LFO was given responsibility for Fiscal Impact Statements in 1991
- Fiscal impact statements are an independent, objective analysis of the expenditure, revenue, staffing, and organizational effects of a legislative measure on state and local government
- Fiscal impact statements are provided to legislative committees on legislation being considered during session that have a cost to state or local government



# Interim Responsibilities

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- Analyze and make recommendations on agency budgets to the Emergency Board and interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means
- Evaluate and audit programs when issues are identified or as directed by the Legislature
- Analyze reports and make recommendations on major information technology projects and investments
- Publish briefs on budget-related topics and issues of interest to the Legislature
- Produce regular reports on Liquidated and Delinquent Accounts and on Semi-Independent State Agencies
- Review state agency budget execution and operations
- Work to enhance the effectiveness of Oregon's statewide key performance measurement system
- Other duties as assigned



# Staffing

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- **Joint Committee on Ways and Means –**
  - Session: Responsible for developing budget appropriation recommendations
  - Interim: Provides legislative oversight to state agencies related to performance measurement and other follow-up action requests made during session
- **Emergency Board**
  - Session: Does not exist
  - Interim: Manages changes to agency budgets and allocates resources from the Emergency Fund





# Staffing (cont.)

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- **Joint Legislative Audit Committee**
  - Responsible for reviewing audits, conducting performance and program evaluations, and making recommendations for change based on audit findings
- **Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology**
  - Responsible for establishing statewide goals and policy regarding information systems and technology and making recommendations on information resource management programs and information technology acquisitions
- **Transparency Oregon Advisory Commission**
  - Responsible for advising and making recommendations on the creation, contents, operations, and enhancements to the state's transparency website



# Key Performance Measures

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- **Customer Service**

Percent of customers rating their satisfaction with the agency's customer service as "good" or "excellent" for overall customer service, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness, expertise, and availability of information



# Key Performance Measures

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- **Customer Service**

- **Percentage rated Excellent or Good**

Timeliness: 90.6%

Accuracy: 96.9%

Helpfulness: 87.5%

Knowledge/Expertise: 93.8%

Information Availability: 78.1%

Overall Quality: 90.6%