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**Agency Presentation**  
**To**  
**General Government Subcommittee**  
**Joint Committee on Ways and Means**

**Agency Mission and Goals**

- Mission: Provide high quality, unbiased analysis on revenue issues for the Legislature and the public.
- Goal: Continually improve quality of analysis while maintaining objectivity.
- Steps to achieve goal:
  - Maintain highly skilled staff.
  - Improve agency use of technology.
  - Refine and upgrade methodological tools.

**Agency Programs and Target Groups**

- Provide research and analysis, including direct information, revenue impact statements, research reports and oral communication for:
  - The House Revenue Committee, the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee and Joint Tax Credits Committee.
  - The Legislature in general.
  - Local governments.
  - The public.

**Performance Measure**

- Biennial survey of user groups consisting of legislators and staff. Most recent survey conducted in 2016.

**Environmental Factors**

- Proposed 2017-19 budget at current service level.
- Tax credit review process and establishment of Joint Committee on Tax Credits. Economist position added in 2013-15 to expand tax credit analysis capability.
- Increased prevalence of revenue related voter initiatives.

- Continued interest in tax reform options and their implications.
- Potential Federal tax reform would have major consequences for Oregon's tax system.

**Impact of 10% Budget Reduction**

- Since 85% of LRO's budget is personnel costs, a 10% reduction would likely result in the loss of one of the agency's five economist positions.

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