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**Oregon Progressive Party  
Position on Bill at 2017  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**SB 388: Support**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which:

- Establishes Whistleblower Commission.
- Directs commission to investigate complaints of government fraud, waste or corruption and to make public investigation findings.
- Authorizes commission to refer matters to Attorney General, Secretary of State or district attorney for further proceedings if warranted.
- Grants confidentiality to complainants and supplies complainants with immunity from criminal proceedings related to complaint.
- Exempts commission records from mandatory disclosure under public records law and exempts commission proceedings from public meetings law.
- Requires commission to prepare annual reports to Governor and Legislative Assembly outlining commission recommendations for reducing fraud, waste and corruption.

Overall, this is an excellent idea. We cannot at this time comment on the specific structure of such a commission (how its members are selected, etc.), but we urge the Committee to advance this bill.

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