

**SB 5536**

**Secretary of State**

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Senate Bill 5536 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 approved budget totals \$73.8 million and 212 positions. It maintains the critical staffing levels in the agency's Information Services Division that support Elections Division systems, and includes \$250,000 Other Funds for IT security enhancements. The budget also continues payments to counties to assist in costs incurred from the Motor Voter program.

Other components of the budget continue operation of the new Election Night Reporting system, and the printing of a paper edition of the Oregon Blue Book.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 5536 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.