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## Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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**To:** General Government Subcommittee  
**From:** Theresa McHugh, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** May 30, 2019  
**Subject:** HB 3377 – Relating to the Legislative Branch

HB 3377 creates the Joint Committee on Conduct as a standing legislative committee and the Legislative Equity Office as an independent nonpartisan office of the Legislative Assembly.

The measure specifies the duties of the committee, including selection of a Legislative Equity Officer, adoption of respectful workplace policies, provision of policy direction and oversight to the Legislative Equity Office, and establishment of qualifications, standards, and criteria for offsite process counselors and investigators.

The measure specifies the duties of the Legislative Equity Office, including provision of confidential process counseling, annual training relating to respectful workplace issues, contracting with an independent investigator to receive complaints and conduct investigations, and establishment of a Capitol Leadership Team.

The measure also requires the Oregon Government Ethics Commission to track lobbyist certification of training attendance as required by the bill and submit an annual report to the Legislature. No funds are included in the measure for the Ethics Commission at this time as the requirement for registered lobbyists to attend training does not begin until January 2021, but the agency may need additional funds to modify its information technology system to meet its obligations under the bill.

There is an -A10 amendment, which includes an appropriation of \$1,393,318 for the costs related to the creation of the new legislative office. The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

**Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A10 amendment.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -A10 amendment to HB 3377. (VOTE)**

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 3377, as amended by the -A10 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move HB 3377, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_