

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5034
Secretary of State

HB 5034 is the budget bill for the Secretary of State. The Secretary is the state's chief elections officer, auditor of public accounts, 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 and the Oregon Blue Book.

The approved budget totals \$82.3 million, including \$12.3 million General Fund, and includes 222 positions (221.67 FTE). This is a 2% increase over the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget and a 4.4% increase over the 2019-21 adjusted current service level.

The budget continues positions for voting system security in the Elections Division, adds a position to work with counties on the Oregon Centralized Voter Registration system, adds call center positions in the Corporation Division and Office of Small Business Advocacy due to growing workload, and adds a position to serve as a Service Desk Manager for the Network Operations Security Center. The budget also includes continuation of General Fund support for payments to counties to assist with costs incurred by the Motor Voter program.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5034 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.