

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5021

Oregon Government Ethics Commission

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 5021 is the budget bill for the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

This Commission and its staff administer and enforce the Oregon Government Ethics law, Lobbying Regulation law, and the executive session related provisions of the Oregon Public Meetings. Over 200,000 public officials and lobbyists are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Funding for the Commission is raised through assessments on state agencies and local governments.

The Subcommittee recommends a budget for the Commission of \$3,926,618 Other Funds with ten positions (9.88 FTE). The Subcommittee recommends two policy packages. The first provides a one-time \$259,740 Other Funds increase for the upgrade of the current Electronic Filing System and the Case Management System. Also approved was an additional Training and Development Specialist position to increase the Commission's capacity to provide trainings and advice to public officials, lobbyists, and the general public.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5021 be amended by the – 1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.