



**Joint Committee on Ways and Means
General Government Subcommittee**

**2023-25 Budget Presentation
Legislative Counsel Committee**

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Mission Statement

Overseen by the Legislative Counsel Committee, the Office of the Legislative Counsel provides legal and publication services to the Legislative Assembly and its members and other agencies of state government. The office drafts measures and amendments for legislators, legislative committees and state agencies; provides legal advice to legislators and legislative committees; reviews state agency rules for legal sufficiency; prepares indexes and tables for legislative publications; and edits, publishes, sells and distributes the [Oregon Revised Statutes](#), the official bound session laws and other print and electronic publications.



Agency Programs

General

- Drafting of bills and amendments
- Legal research, opinions, informal advice
- Administrative rule review

ORS Publications

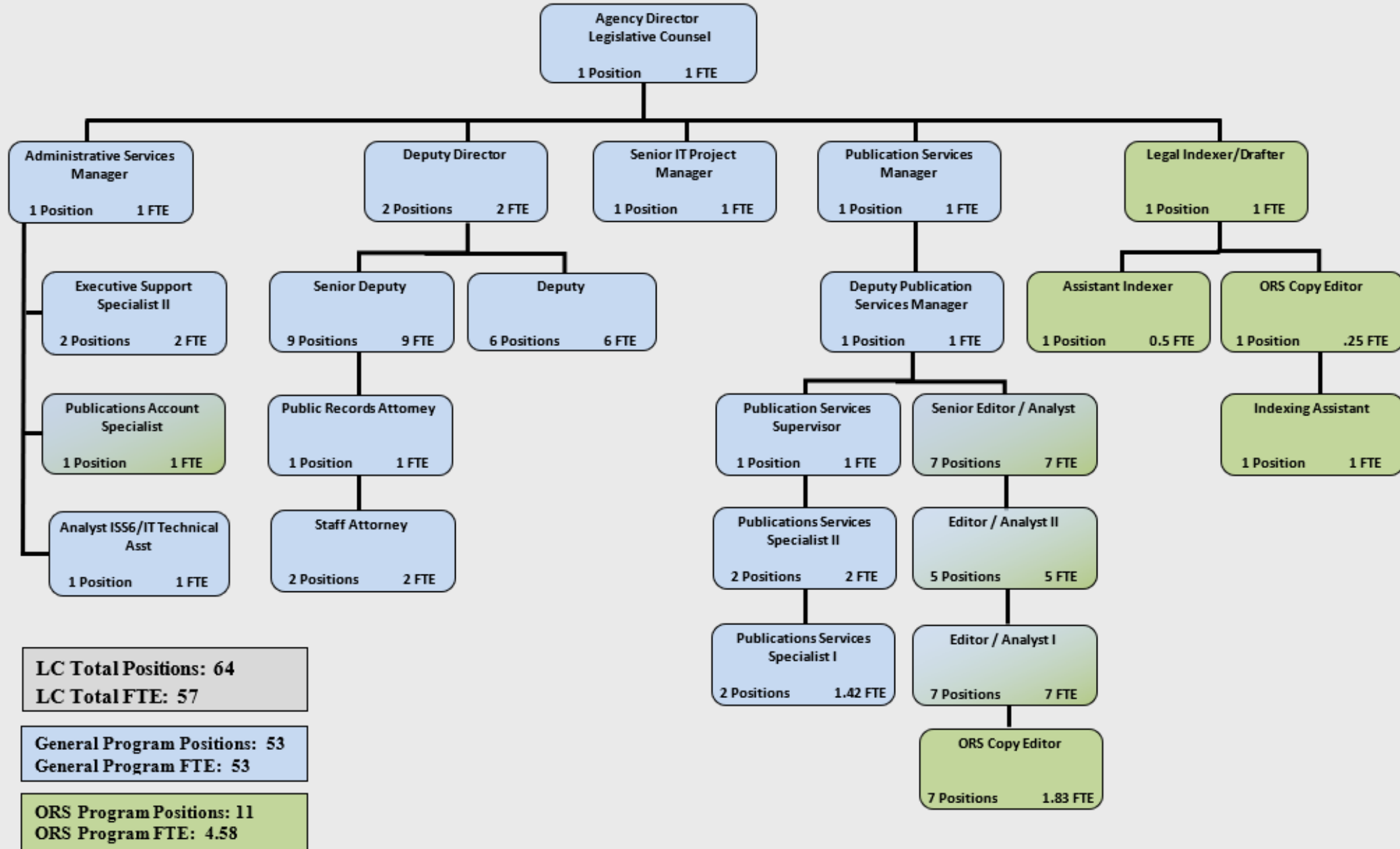
- Biennial publication of 23-volume *Oregon Revised Statutes*
- Annual supplement to reflect short session work
- Five specialty publications

Legislative Publications

- Publication of hardbound constitutionally mandated *Oregon Laws*, the official record of legislative enactments



2021-23 Organizational Structure



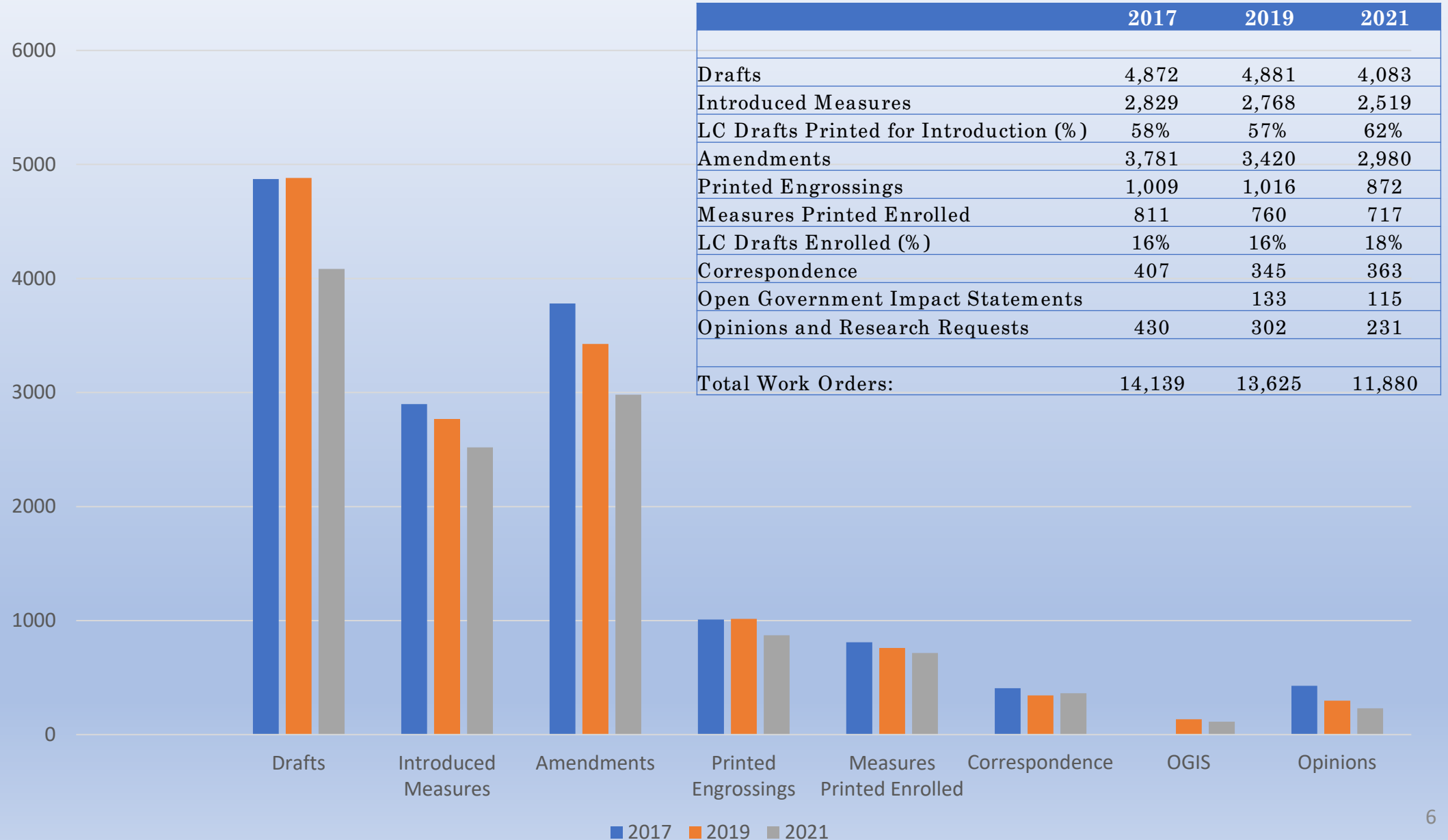
Work Order Statistics

2023 Regular Session (as of March 23, 2023)					2021-23 Biennium (as of March 23, 2023)	
Total Requests Received	Drafts Received	Amendments Delivered	(Estimated) Engrossed Measures	(Estimated) Enrolled Measures	Legal Opinions Produced	Legal Research Requests Produced
9,994	4,869	1,466*	1,000	800	131	19

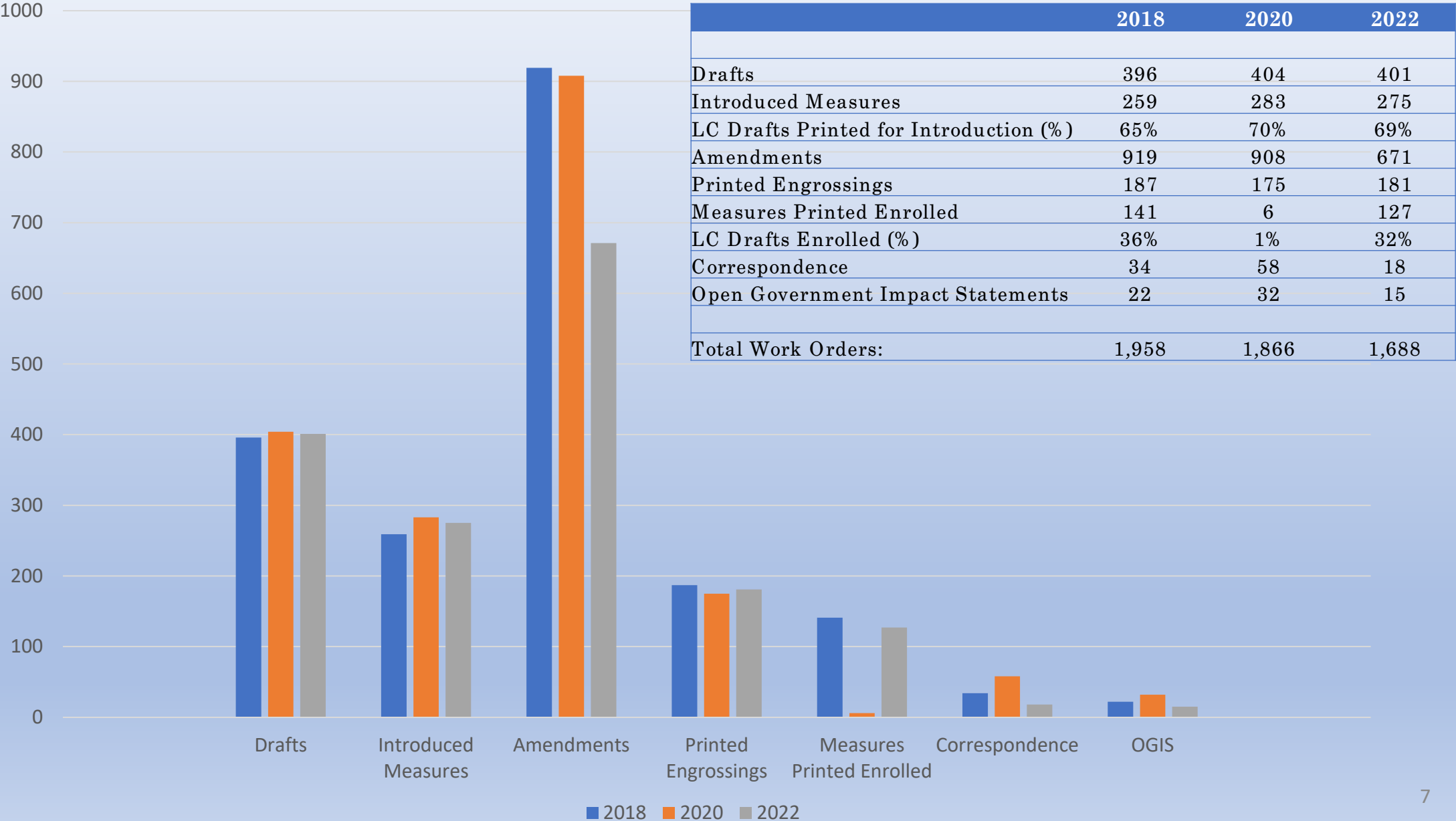
*Amendment requests drafted in odd-year regular sessions averages 4,338 (2005-2021)

Drafting Activity of Office of Legislative Counsel 2001-2021									
	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
LC Draft Requests Received	3938	4541	3673	5209	3795	4040	5096	5058	4207
Final Drafts	3651	4016	3406	4867	3584	3805	4872	4881	4083
Measures Introduced	3141	2920	2782	3021	2679	2799	2829	2768	2519
Measures Enrolled	914	982	980	807	854	921	811	760	717
Amendments Drafted	4202	4365	4413	3629	3941	4106	3781	3420	2980
Opinions Drafted	133	176	243	193	152	388	399	287	219
Research Requests Drafted	75	43	59	27	14	34	31	15	12

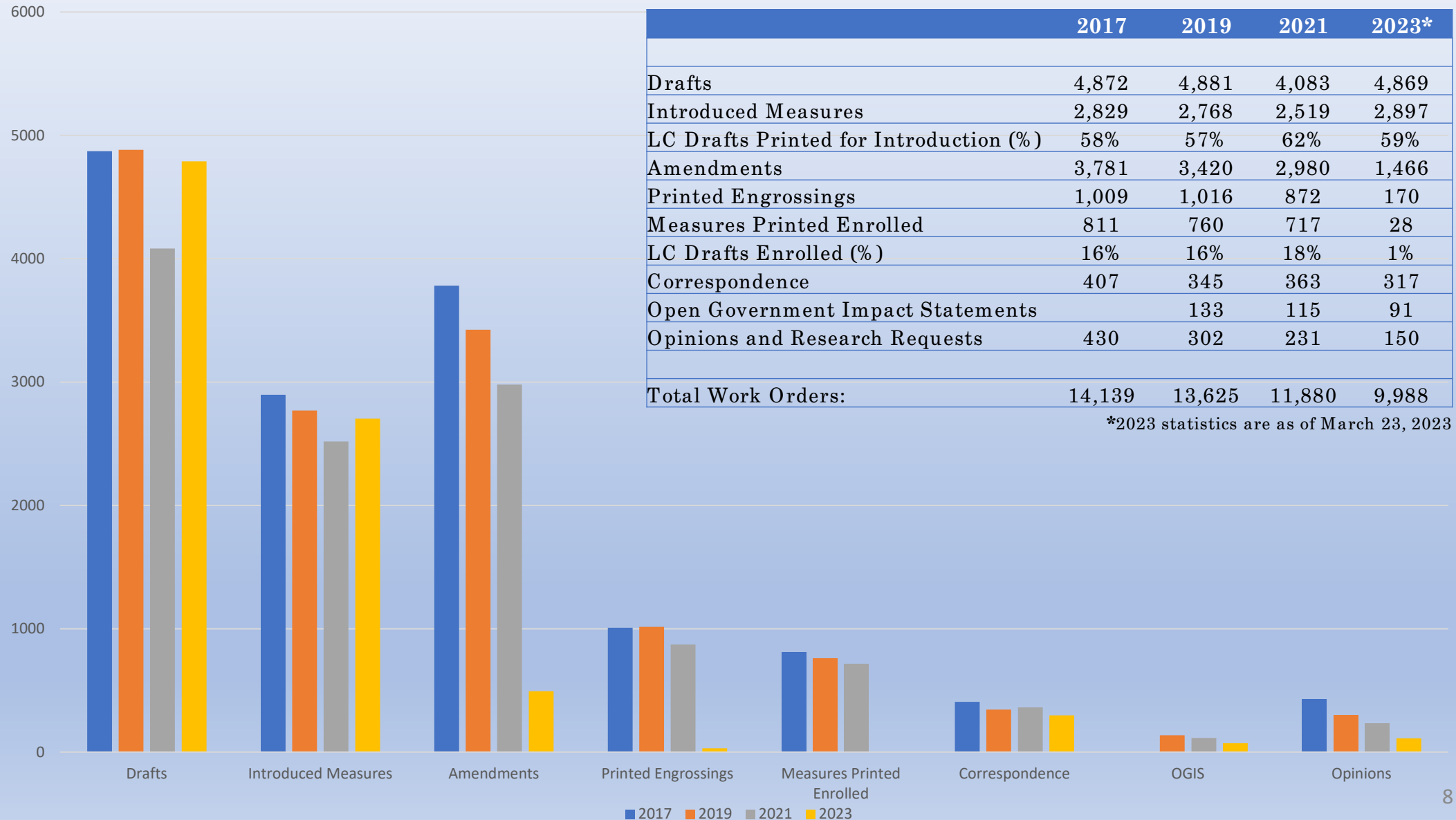
Legislative Counsel Work Orders 2017, 2019, 2021



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Key Performance Measures

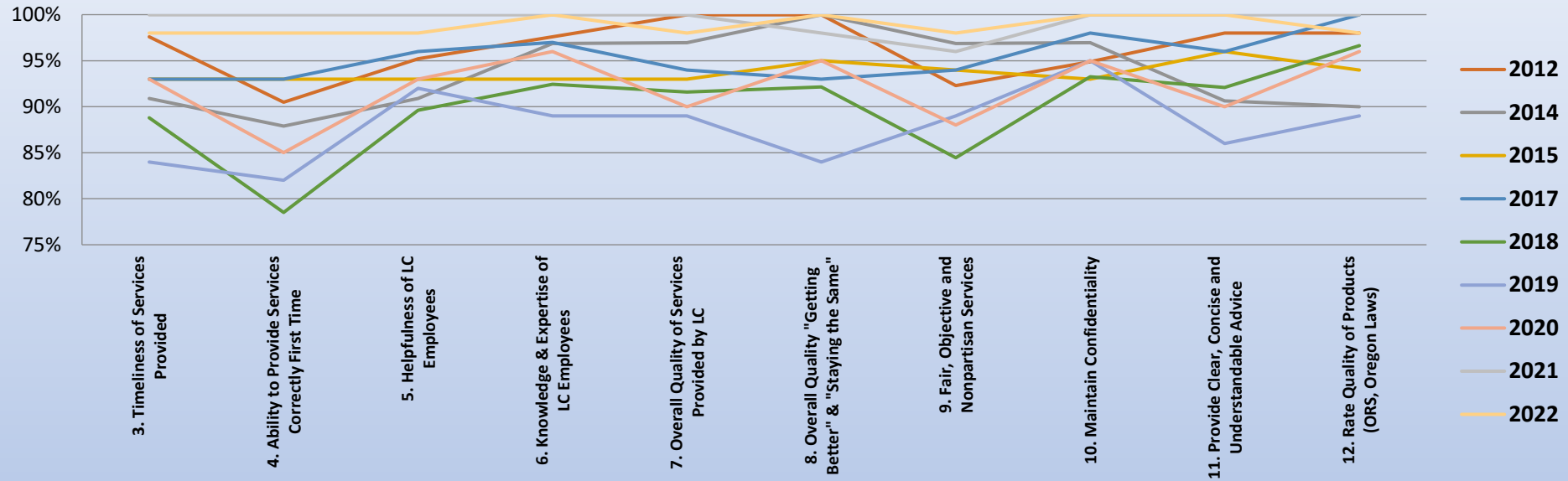
99 percent of 2022 respondents rated LC as good or excellent overall in KPM categories

2022 Approved Key Performance Measures		
KPM #	Approved Key Performance Measures	2022 Target Results
1	Customer Service - Rating as “good” or “excellent”: overall, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness, and expertise. Target percentage: 90% Achieved percentage: 98%	Met
2	Nonpartisanship - LC’s ability to provide services on a fair, objective and nonpartisan basis rated as “good” or “excellent”. Target percentage: 90% Achieved percentage: 98%	Met
3	Confidentiality - LC’s ability to provide confidential services rated as “good” or “excellent”. Target percentage: 100% Achieved percentage: 100%	Met
4	Quality of Legislative Publications - LC’s publications rated as “good” or “excellent”. Target percentage: 100 % Achieved percentage: 98%	Not Met
5	Quality of Legal Advice - LCs quality of legal advice rated as “good” or “excellent” Target percentage: 95% Achieved percentage: 100%	Met
6	Gold Star Certificate - Number of years out of the last four that LC has earned the State Controller’s Division Gold Star Certificate. Target: 5 years Achieved: 5 years	Met



Historical KPM Results

Comparison of 2012-2022 Customer Survey Results



	2012	2014	2015	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
3. Timeliness of Services Provided	98%	91%	93%	93%	89%	84%	93%	100%	98%
4. Ability to Provide Services Correctly First Time	91%	88%	93%	93%	79%	82%	85%	100%	98%
5. Helpfulness of LC Employees	95%	91%	93%	96%	90%	92%	93%	100%	98%
6. Knowledge & Expertise of LC Employees	98%	97%	93%	97%	92%	89%	96%	100%	100%
7. Overall Quality of Services Provided by LC	100%	97%	93%	94%	92%	89%	90%	100%	98%
8. Overall Quality "Getting Better" & "Staying the Same"	100%	100%	95%	93%	92%	84%	95%	98%	100%
9. Fair, Objective and Nonpartisan Services	92%	97%	94%	94%	84%	89%	88%	96%	98%
10. Maintain Confidentiality	95%	97%	93%	98%	93%	95%	95%	100%	100%
11. Provide Clear, Concise and Understandable Advice	98%	91%	96%	96%	92%	86%	90%	100%	100%
12. Rate Quality of Products (ORS, Oregon Laws)	98%	90%	94%	100%	97%	89%	96%	100%	98%
Overall Average	96%	94%	94%	95%	90%	88%	92%	99%	99%

2023-25 Proposed KPM

2023-25 Proposed Key Performance Measure

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| New | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Extend customer satisfaction survey to agencies➤ Agencies are significant user of LC drafting services➤ Goal is to increase survey participation |
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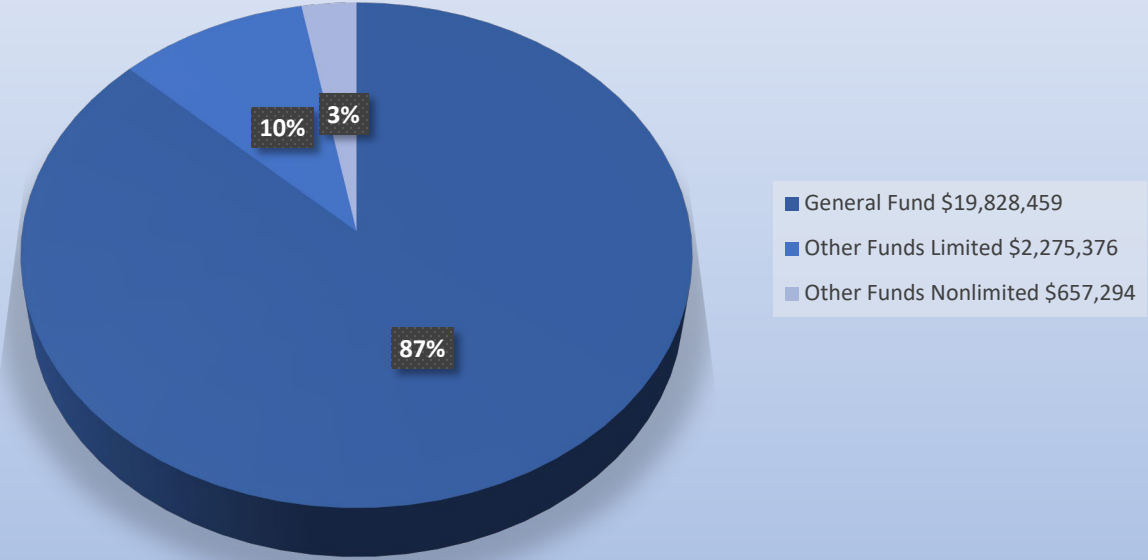
Goals & Challenges

- Provide high quality, objective, nonpartisan legal services
- Provide these services in high-volume, rapid response timeframe
- Retain and recruit highly skilled staff
- Develop and deploy upgrades in technology



Funding Types

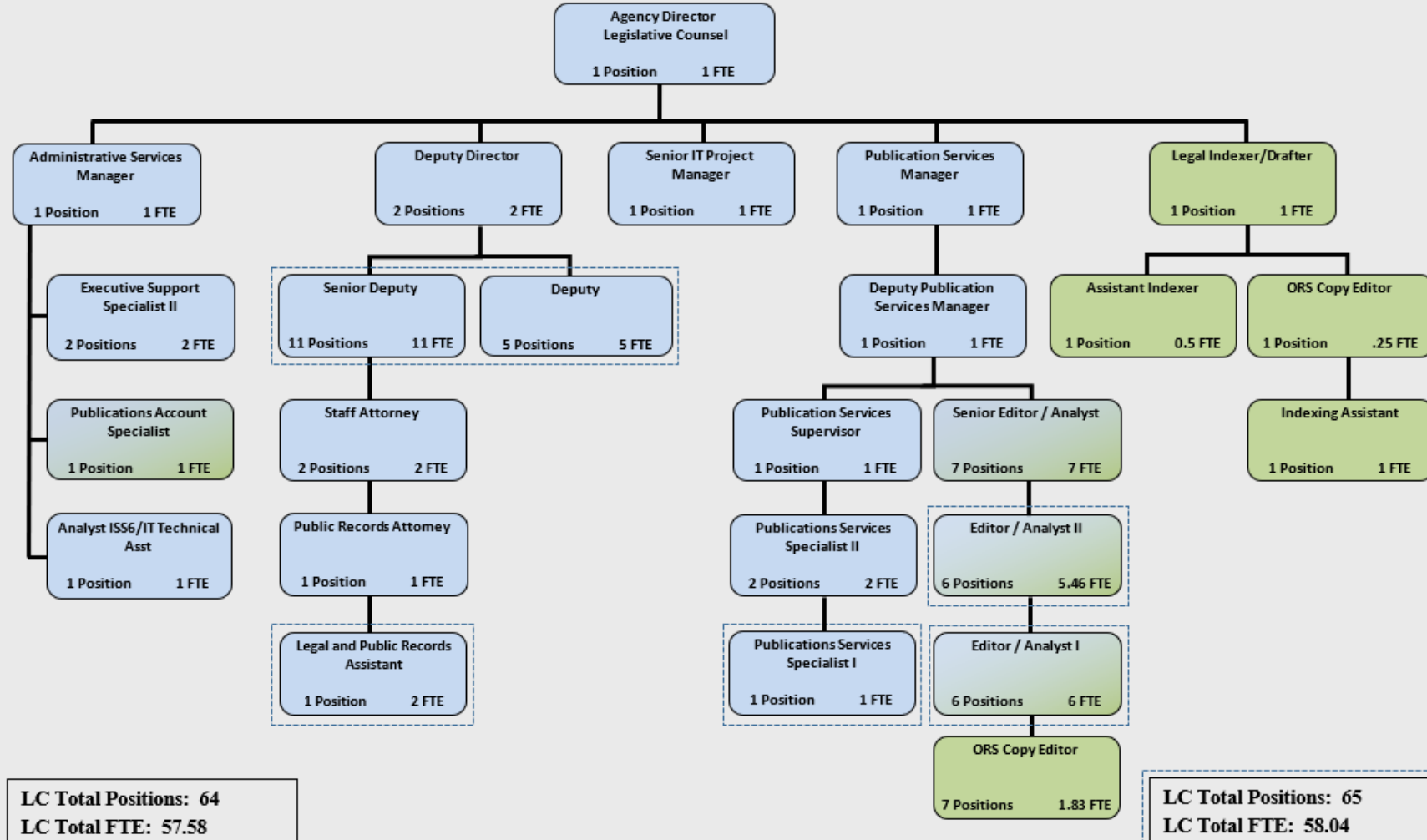
2023-25
Current
Service Level
by Fund Type



2023-25 Policy Option Package Request

Agency Priority	Narrative Title	2023-25 General Fund Request	2023-25 Other Funds Ltd Request	2023-25 Other Funds Non-Ltd Request	Permanent or One-Time?	Comments/Description
1	Professionalizes Legal Positions; Establishes Legal Position	\$556,257			Permanent	Reclassifies two Deputy positions to Senior Deputy; creates one Deputy position
2	Establishes Publication Services Position	\$103,960			Permanent	Creates Editor/Analyst II (11 months for AY25)
3	Increases OF Non-Ltd Expenditure Limitation for ORS Program			\$39,025	Permanent	Covers anticipated ORS expense increases
4	Increases OF Non-Ltd Expenditure Limitation for Legislative Publications			\$ 2,501	Permanent	Covers anticipated Oregon Laws expense increases
5	Changes Funding Source for Publication Services Positions		\$ --		Permanent	Moves OF LTD position funding from ORS to Drafting Services
6	Reclassifies Publication Services Position				Permanent	Changes Editor/Analyst I to Legal and Public Records Assistant
7	Eliminates Publication Services Position	\$(150,453)			Permanent	Eliminates Publications Services Specialist I position
	AY23 Reversion Savings	\$(509,764)			One-Time Savings	GF costs for AY25 can be covered with anticipated AY23 one-time savings
Total		\$ --	\$ --	\$41,526		

2023-25 CSL Organizational Structure with Proposed Changes



LC Total Positions: 64
LC Total FTE: 57.58

General Program Positions: 53
General Program FTE: 53

ORS Program Positions: 11
ORS Program FTE: 4.58

Note: 2023-25 position change requests are outlined with dashed lines

LC Total Positions: 65
LC Total FTE: 58.04

General Program Positions: 54
General Program FTE: 53.46

ORS Program Positions: 11
ORS Program FTE: 4.58

For More
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