

HB 2805 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sosa

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/02/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 11 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Evans, Gomberg, Holvey, Lewis, McLain, Pham K, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

Nays: 1 - Reschke

Senate Vote

Yeas: 10 - Anderson, Campos, Dembrow, Findley, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Hansell, Knopp, Sollman, Steiner

Exc: 1 - Girod

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Oregon Government Ethics Commission

2023-25

Budget Summary

	2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2021-23 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
Other Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,365,307	\$ 1,365,307	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,365,307	\$ 1,365,307	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	5	5
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	3.75	3.75

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2805 provides the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) \$1,365,307 Other Funds expenditure limitation. OGEC receives revenue for its budget from an assessment charged to state agencies and local jurisdictions. The current assessment rates are not sufficient to cover the cost of this bill and will result in increased assessments to state agencies and local jurisdictions.

Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2805 makes changes to Oregon Public Meetings Law, by specifying that the use of serial written communication or the use of intermediaries to communicate may constitute a quorum of a governing body under certain circumstances. The bill clarifies public meetings law does not apply to communications among members of a governing body that are: 1) purely factual or educational and convey no deliberation or decision on matters that may come before the body; 2) not related to any matter that could be reasonably foreseen to come before the governing body for deliberation; or 3) non-substantive in nature.

House Bill 2805 directs OGEC to provide annual public meeting law trainings to members of public bodies and grants OGEC the authority to conduct investigations of complaints of violations of the public meetings law. The Subcommittee recommended increasing Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$1,365,307. The budget includes adding five permanent full-time positions (3.75 FTE), which includes \$775,643 Personal Services and \$589,664 Services and Supplies (\$400,000 of which will be used to accommodate office space and moving expenses attributed to the additional staff).

The recommended budget includes the following positions:

- One Administrative Specialist 2 position (0.75 FTE) to assist in processing the expected increase in complaints and public records requests;
- Two Compliance Specialists 2 positions (1.50 FTE) to investigate complaints and assist with advice and guidance; and
- Two Program Analyst 1 positions (1.50 FTE) to assist with increased volume of training and increase requests for advice and guidance.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Oregon Government Ethics Commission
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 19900-010 - General Program									
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 775,643	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 775,643	5	3.75
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 589,664	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 589,664		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,365,307	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,365,307	5	3.75
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,365,307	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,365,307	5	3.75