

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 15

Sponsored by JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONDUCT (at the request of Senator Dick Anderson, Senator Floyd Prozanski, Representative Jason Kropf, Representative Kevin Mannix)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Appoints Legislative Equity Officer.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas in chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2019, the Legislative Assembly established the position of Legislative Equity Officer as a nonpartisan position in the legislative branch that is independent of any other nonpartisan office; and

Whereas the 2019 law provides that the Legislative Assembly shall select the Legislative Equity Officer by concurrent resolution; and

Whereas the Legislative Equity Officer is to serve for a four-year term and is eligible for reappointment to succeeding terms; and

Whereas Legislative Branch Personnel Rule 27 has memorialized the legislative branch's commitment to promoting a respectful and inclusive environment in the State Capitol, the branch's commitment to a safe and respectful workplace and the branch's expectation that all members, employees and others present in the Capitol or engaged in the legislative process conduct themselves in a manner that is free of harassment, sexual harassment or discrimination; and

Whereas the Legislative Equity Officer is integral to the legislative branch achieving these goals because the officer is charged with implementing and overseeing the processes and procedures to address behaviors prohibited by branch rules and policies; and

Whereas the Legislative Equity Officer is charged with developing and implementing training to be given to members, legislative staff, registered lobbyists and others on developing a respectful workplace, eliminating harassment, eliminating sexual harassment and eliminating discrimination in the workplace, and on the obligations, processes and remedies that exist to achieve these outcomes; and

Whereas by law the Legislative Equity Officer prepares reports to the Joint Committee on Conduct intended to document legislative branch efforts and progress in these crucial areas; and

Whereas an appointed and employed Legislative Equity Officer is necessary to achieve these goals and objectives; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed the Legislative Equity Officer; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Conduct serve as the supervising authority of the Legislative Equity Officer.

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.