

**HB 4177 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Oregon Government Ethics Commission**  
**2025-27**

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**Budget Summary\***

|              | 2025-27 Legislatively<br>Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup> | 2026 Committee<br>Recommendation | Committee Change from 2025-27<br>Leg. Approved |          |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------|--|----------|
|              |   |                                  | \$ Change                                      | % Change |
| General Fund | \$ -  | \$ 325,950                       | \$ 325,950                                     | 100.0%   |
| Total        | \$ -  | \$ 325,950                       | \$ 325,950                                     | 100.0%   |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through January 2026

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

House Bill 4177 appropriates \$325,950 General Fund, on a one-time basis, to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) to cover legal costs related to updating administrative rules for Public Meeting Law.

**Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action**

House Bill 4177 updates the definition and scope of meetings, convenings, and deliberations that are covered under Public Meeting Law (PML) and enforced by OGEC. The measure modifies the entities and parties required to take trainings and the deadlines for completing those training courses. The measure makes changes to the processes and deadlines for filing, reviewing, and resolving allegations of possible PML violations.

The Subcommittee recommended a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$325,950 to support the costs of Department of Justice (DOJ) legal review as OGEC will have to update administrative rules to incorporate the changes to PML made by the measure. Additionally, in some cases, individuals file complaints against state agencies alleging violations of PML statutes. This appropriation also includes funds to cover cases where OGEC contracts with outside legal counsel. When a state agency is the subject of an allegation and investigation, DOJ represents the state agency. As a result, OGEC will have to enter into a contract with outside legal counsel to work on that case until the case is resolved.

Future biennia costs associated for this work will be built into the OGEC assessment rates.

**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>           |                   |               |             |             |               |             |                 |          |             |
| <b>SCR 010 - General Program</b>          |                   |               |             |             |               |             |                 |          |             |
| Services and Supplies                     | \$ 325,950        | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -          | \$ -        | 325,950         |          |             |
| <b>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *</b>      | <b>\$ 325,950</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>325,950</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0.00</b> |
| % Change from 2025-27 Leg Approved Budget | 100.0%            | 0.0%          | 0.0%        | 0.0%        | 0.0%          | 0.0%        | 100.0%          | 0.0%     | 0.0%        |

\*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures

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