

## CHAPTER 620

AN ACT

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Relating to government ethics; creating new provisions; amending ORS 244.020, 244.042, 244.050, 244.055, 244.060, 244.100, 244.255, 244.350, 293.708 and 441.540; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 244.020 is amended to read: 244.020. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Actual conflict of interest" means any action or any decision or recommendation by a person acting in a capacity as a public official, the effect of which would be to the private pecuniary benefit or detriment of the person or the person's relative or any business with which the person or a relative of the person is associated unless the pecuniary benefit or detriment arises out of circumstances described in subsection [(12)] (13) of this section.

(2) "Business" means any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual and any other legal entity operated for economic gain but excluding any income-producing not-for-profit corporation that is tax exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code with which a public official or a relative of the public official is associated only as a member or board director or in a nonremunerative capacity.

(3) "Business with which the person is associated" means:

(a) Any private business or closely held corporation of which the person or the person's relative is a director, officer, owner or employee, or agent or any private business or closely held corporation in which the person or the person's relative owns or has owned stock, another form of equity interest, stock options or debt instruments worth \$1,000 or more at any point in the preceding calendar year;

(b) Any publicly held corporation in which the person or the person's relative owns or has owned \$100,000 or more in stock or another form of equity interest, stock options or debt instruments at any point in the preceding calendar year;

(c) Any publicly held corporation of which the person or the person's relative is a director or officer; or

(d) For public officials required to file a statement of economic interest under ORS 244.050, any business listed as a source of income as required under ORS 244.060 (3).

(4) "Candidate" means an individual for whom a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition or certificate of nomination to public office has been filed or whose name is printed on a ballot or is expected to be or has been presented, with the individual's consent, for nomination or election to public office.

(5) "Development commission" means any entity that has the authority to purchase, develop, improve or lease land or the authority to operate or direct the use of land. This authority must be more than ministerial.

(6) "First Partner" means the spouse or domestic partner of the Governor, or an individual who primarily has a personal relationship with the Governor as determined by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission by rule. "First Partner" encompasses any alternative title that the Governor may publicly substitute for "First Partner," including, but not limited to, "First Lady," "First Husband" or "First Spouse."

[(6)(a)] (7)(a) "Gift" means something of economic value given to a public official, a candidate or a relative or member of the household of the public official or candidate:

(A) Without valuable consideration of equivalent value, including the full or partial forgiveness of indebtedness, which is not extended to others who are not public officials or candidates or the relatives or members of the household of public officials or candidates on the same terms and conditions; or

(B) For valuable consideration less than that required from others who are not public officials or candidates.

(b) "Gift" does not mean:

(A) Contributions as defined in ORS 260.005.

(B) Gifts from relatives or members of the household of the public official or candidate.

(C) An unsolicited token or award of appreciation in the form of a plaque, trophy, desk item, wall memento or similar item, with a resale value reasonably expected to be less than \$25.

(D) Informational or program material, publications or subscriptions related to the recipient's performance of official duties.

(E) Admission provided to or the cost of food or beverage consumed by a public official, or a member of the household or staff of the public official when accompanying the public official, at a reception, meal or meeting held by an organization when the public official represents state government as defined in ORS 174.111, a local government as defined in ORS 174.116 or a special government body as defined in ORS 174.117.

(F) Reasonable expenses paid by any unit of the federal government, a state or local government, a Native American tribe that is recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by a state, a membership organization to which a public body as defined in ORS 174.109 pays membership dues or a not-for-profit corporation that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for attendance at a convention, fact-finding mission or trip, conference or other meeting if the public official is scheduled to deliver a speech, make a presentation, participate on a panel or represent state government as defined in ORS 174.111, a local government as defined in ORS 174.116 or a special government body as defined in ORS 174.117.

(G) Contributions made to a legal expense trust fund established under ORS 244.209 for the benefit of the public official.

(H) Reasonable food, travel or lodging expenses provided to a public official, a relative of the public official accompanying the public official, a member of the household of the public official accompanying the public official or a staff member of the public official accompanying the public official, when the public official is representing state government as defined in ORS 174.111, a local government as defined in ORS 174.116 or a special government body as defined in ORS 174.117:

(i) On an officially sanctioned trade-promotion or fact-finding mission; or

(ii) In officially designated negotiations, or economic development activities, where receipt of the expenses is approved in advance.

(I) Food or beverage consumed by a public official acting in an official capacity:

(i) In association with the review, approval, execution of documents or closing of a borrowing, investment or other financial transaction, including any business agreement between state government as defined in ORS 174.111, a local government as defined in ORS 174.116 or a special government body as defined in ORS 174.117 and a private entity or public body as defined in ORS 174.109;

(ii) While engaged in due diligence research or presentations by the office of the State Treasurer related to an existing or proposed investment or borrowing; or

(iii) While engaged in a meeting of an advisory, governance or policy-making body of a corporation, partnership or other entity in which the office of the State Treasurer has invested moneys.

(J) Waiver or discount of registration expenses or materials provided to a public official or candidate at a continuing education event that the public official or candidate may attend to satisfy a professional licensing requirement.

(K) Expenses provided by one public official to another public official for travel inside this state to or from an event that bears a relationship to the receiving public official's office and at which the official participates in an official capacity.

(L) Food or beverage consumed by a public official or candidate at a reception where the food or beverage is provided as an incidental part of the reception and no cost is placed on the food or beverage.

(M) Entertainment provided to a public official or candidate or a relative or member of the household of the public official or candidate that is incidental to the main purpose of another event.

(N) Entertainment provided to a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official where the public official is acting in an official capacity while representing state government as defined in ORS 174.111, a local government as defined in ORS 174.116 or a special government body as defined in ORS 174.117 for a ceremonial purpose.

(O) Anything of economic value offered to or solicited or received by a public official or candidate, or a relative or member of the household of the public official or candidate:

(i) As part of the usual and customary practice of the person's private business, or the person's employment or position as a volunteer with a private business, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, not-for-profit corporation or other legal entity operated for economic value; and

(ii) That bears no relationship to the public official's or candidate's holding of, or candidacy for, the official position or public office.

(P) Reasonable expenses paid to a public school employee for accompanying students on an educational trip.

~~[(7)]~~ (8) "Honorarium" means a payment or something of economic value given to a public official in exchange for services upon which custom or propriety prevents the setting of a price. Services include, but are not limited to, speeches or other services rendered in connection with an event.

~~[(8)]~~ (9) "Income" means income of any nature derived from any source, including, but not limited to, any salary, wage, advance, payment, dividend, interest, rent, honorarium, return of capital, forgiveness of indebtedness, or anything of economic value.

~~[(9)]~~ (10) "Legislative or administrative interest" means an economic interest, distinct from that of the general public, in:

(a) Any matter subject to the decision or vote of the public official acting in the public official's capacity as a public official; or

(b) Any matter that would be subject to the decision or vote of the candidate who, if elected, would be acting in the capacity of a public official.

~~[(10)]~~ (11) "Member of the household" means any person who resides with the public official or candidate.

~~[(11)]~~ (12) "Planning commission" means a county planning commission created under ORS chapter 215 or a city planning commission created under ORS chapter 227.

~~[(12)]~~ (13) "Potential conflict of interest" means any action or any decision or recommendation by a person acting in a capacity as a public official, the effect of which could be to the private pecuniary benefit or detriment of the person or the person's relative, or a business with which the person or the person's relative is associated, unless the pecuniary benefit or detriment arises out of the following:

(a) An interest or membership in a particular business, industry, occupation or other class required by law as a prerequisite to the holding by the person of the office or position.

(b) Any action in the person's official capacity which would affect to the same degree a class consisting of all inhabitants of the state, or a smaller class consisting of an industry, occupation or other group including one of which or in which the person, or the person's relative or business with which

the person or the person's relative is associated, is a member or is engaged.

(c) Membership in or membership on the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation that is tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

[(13)] (14) "Public office" has the meaning given that term in ORS 260.005.

[(14)] (15) "Public official" means **the First Partner and** any person who, when an alleged violation of this chapter occurs, is serving the State of Oregon or any of its political subdivisions or any other public body as defined in ORS 174.109 as an elected official, appointed official, employee or agent, irrespective of whether the person is compensated for the services.

[(15)] (16) "Relative" means:

(a) The spouse, parent, stepparent, child, sibling, stepsibling, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the public official or candidate;

(b) The parent, stepparent, child, sibling, stepsibling, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the spouse of the public official or candidate;

(c) Any individual for whom the public official or candidate has a legal support obligation;

(d) Any individual for whom the public official provides benefits arising from the public official's public employment or from whom the public official receives benefits arising from that individual's employment; or

(e) Any individual from whom the candidate receives benefits arising from that individual's employment.

[(16)] (17) "Statement of economic interest" means a statement as described by ORS 244.060 or 244.070.

[(17)] (18) "Zoning commission" means an entity to which is delegated at least some of the discretionary authority of a planning commission or governing body relating to zoning and land use matters.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 244.042 is amended to read:

244.042. (1) Except as provided in [subsection (3)] **subsections (3) and (4)** of this section, a public official may not solicit or receive, whether directly or indirectly, honoraria for the public official or any member of the household of the public official if the honoraria are solicited or received in connection with the official duties of the public official.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a candidate may not solicit or receive, whether directly or indirectly, honoraria for the candidate or any member of the household of the candidate if the honoraria are solicited or received in connection with the official duties of the public office for which the person is a candidate.

(3) **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section,** this section does not prohibit:

(a) The solicitation or receipt of an honorarium or a certificate, plaque, commemorative token or other item with a value of \$50 or less; or

(b) The solicitation or receipt of an honorarium for services performed in relation to the private

profession, occupation, avocation or expertise of the public official or candidate.

**(4)(a) The Governor, First Partner, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may not solicit or receive an honorarium, money or any other consideration, as defined in ORS 171.725, for any speaking engagement or presentation.**

**(b) This subsection does not prevent a public official listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection from receiving any food, beverage, travel or lodging expenses otherwise authorized by this chapter for a speaking engagement or presentation.**

**SECTION 3.** ORS 244.050 is amended to read:

244.050. (1) On or before April 15 of each year the following persons shall file with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission a verified statement of economic interest as required under this chapter:

(a) The Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, district attorneys and members of the Legislative Assembly.

(b) Any judicial officer, including justices of the peace and municipal judges, except any pro tem judicial officer who does not otherwise serve as a judicial officer.

(c) Any candidate for a public office designated in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.

(d) The Deputy Attorney General.

**(e) The Deputy Secretary of State.**

[(e)] **(f)** The Legislative Administrator, the Legislative Counsel, the Legislative Fiscal Officer, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

[(f)] **(g)** The Chancellor and Vice Chancellors of the Oregon University System and the president and vice presidents, or their administrative equivalents, in each public university listed in ORS 352.002.

[(g)] **(h)** The following state officers:

(A) Adjutant General.

(B) Director of Agriculture.

(C) Manager of State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation.

(D) Water Resources Director.

(E) Director of Department of Environmental Quality.

(F) Director of Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(G) State Fish and Wildlife Director.

(H) State Forester.

(I) State Geologist.

(J) Director of Human Services.

(K) Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

(L) Director of the Department of State Lands.

(M) State Librarian.

(N) Administrator of Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

(O) Superintendent of State Police.

(P) Director of the Public Employees Retirement System.

(Q) Director of Department of Revenue.

(R) Director of Transportation.

(S) Public Utility Commissioner.

(T) Director of Veterans' Affairs.

(U) Executive director of Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

(V) Director of the State Department of Energy.

(W) Director and each assistant director of the Oregon State Lottery.

(X) Director of the Department of Corrections.

(Y) Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation.

(Z) Executive director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

(AA) Director of the Oregon Business Development Department.

(BB) Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

(CC) Director of the Employment Department.

(DD) Chief of staff for the Governor.

(EE) Administrator of the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research.

(FF) Director of the Housing and Community Services Department.

(GG) State Court Administrator.

(HH) Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

(II) Board chairperson of the Land Use Board of Appeals.

(JJ) State Marine Director.

(KK) Executive director of the Oregon Racing Commission.

(LL) State Parks and Recreation Director.

(MM) Public defense services executive director.

(NN) Chairperson of the Public Employees' Benefit Board.

(OO) Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

(PP) Executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

(QQ) Executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

(RR) Director of the Oregon Youth Authority.

(SS) Director of the Oregon Health Authority.

(TT) Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.

*[(h) Any assistant in the Governor's office other than personal secretaries and clerical personnel.]*

**(i) The First Partner, the legal counsel, the deputy legal counsel and all policy advisors within the Governor's office.**

*[(i)] (j) Every elected city or county official.*

*[(j)] (k) Every member of a city or county planning, zoning or development commission.*

*[(k)] (L) The chief executive officer of a city or county who performs the duties of manager or principal administrator of the city or county.*

*[(L)] (m) Members of local government boundary commissions formed under ORS 199.410 to 199.519.*

*[(m)] (n) Every member of a governing body of a metropolitan service district and the executive officer thereof.*

*[(n)] (o) Each member of the board of directors of the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation.*

*[(o)] (p) The chief administrative officer and the financial officer of each common and union high school district, education service district and community college district.*

*[(p)] (q) Every member of the following state boards and commissions:*

*(A) Board of Geologic and Mineral Industries.*

*(B) Oregon Business Development Commission.*

*(C) State Board of Education.*

*(D) Environmental Quality Commission.*

*(E) Fish and Wildlife Commission of the State of Oregon.*

*(F) State Board of Forestry.*

*(G) Oregon Government Ethics Commission.*

*(H) Oregon Health Policy Board.*

*(I) State Board of Higher Education.*

*(J) Oregon Investment Council.*

*(K) Land Conservation and Development Commission.*

*(L) Oregon Liquor Control Commission.*

*(M) Oregon Short Term Fund Board.*

*(N) State Marine Board.*

*(O) Mass transit district boards.*

*(P) Energy Facility Siting Council.*

*(Q) Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland.*

*(R) Employment Relations Board.*

*(S) Public Employees Retirement Board.*

*(T) Oregon Racing Commission.*

*(U) Oregon Transportation Commission.*

*(V) Water Resources Commission.*

*(W) Workers' Compensation Board.*

*(X) Oregon Facilities Authority.*

*(Y) Oregon State Lottery Commission.*

*(Z) Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council.*

*(AA) Columbia River Gorge Commission.*

*(BB) Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors.*

*(CC) Capitol Planning Commission.*

*(DD) Higher Education Coordinating Commission.*

*(EE) Oregon Growth Board.*

*(FF) Early Learning Council.*

*[(q)] (r) The following officers of the State Treasurer:*

*(A) Deputy State Treasurer.*

*(B) Chief of staff for the office of the State Treasurer.*

*(C) Director of the Investment Division.*

*[(r)] (s) Every member of the board of commissioners of a port governed by ORS 777.005 to 777.725 or 777.915 to 777.953.*

*[(s)] (t) Every member of the board of directors of an authority created under ORS 441.525 to 441.595.*

[(t)] (u) Every member of a governing board of a public university with a governing board listed in ORS 352.054.

(2) By April 15 next after the date an appointment takes effect, every appointed public official on a board or commission listed in subsection (1) of this section shall file with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.

(3) By April 15 next after the filing deadline for the primary election, each candidate described in subsection (1) of this section shall file with the commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.

(4) Within 30 days after the filing deadline for the general election, each candidate described in subsection (1) of this section who was not a candidate in the preceding primary election, or who was nominated for public office described in subsection (1) of this section at the preceding primary election by write-in votes, shall file with the commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.

(5) Subsections (1) to (4) of this section apply only to persons who are incumbent, elected or appointed public officials as of April 15 and to persons who are candidates on April 15. Subsections (1) to (4) of this section also apply to persons who do not become candidates until 30 days after the filing deadline for the statewide general election.

(6) If a statement required to be filed under this section has not been received by the commission within five days after the date the statement is due, the commission shall notify the public official or candidate and give the public official or candidate not less than 15 days to comply with the requirements of this section. If the public official or candidate fails to comply by the date set by the commission, the commission may impose a civil penalty as provided in ORS 244.350.

**SECTION 4.** ORS 244.350 is amended to read:

244.350. (1) The Oregon Government Ethics Commission may impose civil penalties not to exceed:

(a) Except as provided in [paragraph (b)] **paragraphs (b) and (c)** of this subsection, \$5,000 for violation of any provision of this chapter or any resolution adopted under ORS 244.160.

(b) \$25,000 for violation of ORS 244.045.

**(c) \$10,000 for willfully violating ORS 244.040.**

(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the commission may impose civil penalties not to exceed \$1,000 for violation of any provision of ORS 192.660.

(b) A civil penalty may not be imposed under this subsection if the violation occurred as a result of the governing body of the public body acting upon the advice of the public body's counsel.

(3) The commission may impose civil penalties not to exceed \$250 for violation of ORS 293.708. A civil penalty imposed under this subsection is in ad-

dition to and not in lieu of a civil penalty that may be imposed under subsection (1) of this section.

(4)(a) The commission may impose civil penalties on a person who fails to file the statement required under ORS 244.050 or 244.217. In enforcing this subsection, the commission is not required to follow the procedures in ORS 244.260 before finding that a violation of ORS 244.050 or 244.217 has occurred.

(b) Failure to file the required statement in timely fashion is prima facie evidence of a violation of ORS 244.050 or 244.217.

(c) The commission may impose a civil penalty of \$10 for each of the first 14 days the statement is late beyond the date set by law, or by the commission under ORS 244.050, and \$50 for each day thereafter. The maximum penalty that may be imposed under this subsection is \$5,000.

(5) In lieu of or in conjunction with finding a violation of law or any resolution or imposing a civil penalty under this section, the commission may issue a written letter of reprimand, explanation or education.

**SECTION 5.** ORS 244.060 is amended to read:

244.060. The statement of economic interest filed under ORS 244.050 shall be on a form prescribed by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. The public official or candidate filing the statement shall supply the information required by this section and ORS 244.090, as follows:

(1) The names of all positions as officer of a business and business directorships held by the public official or candidate or a member of the household of the public official or candidate during the preceding calendar year, and the principal address and a brief description of each business.

(2) All names under which the public official or candidate and members of the household of the public official or candidate do business and the principal address and a brief description of each business.

(3) The names, principal addresses and brief descriptions of the sources of income received during the preceding calendar year by the public official or candidate or a member of the household of the public official or candidate that produce 10 percent or more of the total annual household income.

(4)(a) A list of all real property in which the public official or candidate or a member of the household of the public official or candidate has or has had any personal, beneficial ownership interest during the preceding calendar year, any options to purchase or sell real property, including a land sales contract, and any other rights of any kind in real property located within the geographic boundaries of the governmental agency of which the public official holds, or the candidate if elected would hold, an official position or over which the public official exercises, or the candidate if elected would exercise, any authority.

(b) This subsection does not require the listing of the principal residence of the public official or candidate.

(5) All expenses with an aggregate value exceeding \$50 received by the public official during the preceding calendar year when participating in a convention, mission, trip or other meeting described in ORS 244.020 [(6)(b)(F)] (7)(b)(F), including the name and address of the organization, unit of government, tribe or corporation paying the expenses, the nature of the event and the date and amount of the expense.

(6) All expenses with an aggregate value exceeding \$50 received by the public official during the preceding calendar year when participating in a mission, negotiations or economic development activities described in ORS 244.020 [(6)(b)(H)] (7)(b)(H), including the name and address of the person paying the expenses, the nature of the event and the date and amount of the expenditure.

(7) All honoraria and other items allowed under ORS 244.042 with a value exceeding \$15 that are received by the public official, candidate or member of the household of the public official or candidate during the preceding calendar year, the provider of each honorarium or item and the date and time of the event for which the honorarium or item was received.

(8) The name, principal address and brief description of each source of income exceeding an aggregate amount of \$1,000, whether or not taxable, received by the public official or candidate, or a member of the household of the public official or candidate, during the preceding calendar year, if the source of that income is derived from an individual or business that has a legislative or administrative interest or that has been doing business, does business or could reasonably be expected to do business with the governmental agency of which the public official holds, or the candidate if elected would hold, an official position or over which the public official exercises, or the candidate if elected would exercise, any authority.

**SECTION 6.** ORS 244.100 is amended to read:

244.100. (1) Any organization, unit of government, tribe or corporation that provides a public official with expenses with an aggregate value exceeding \$50 for an event described in ORS 244.020 [(6)(b)(F)] (7)(b)(F) shall notify the public official in writing of the amount of the expense. The organization, unit, tribe or corporation shall provide the notice to the public official within 10 days after the date the expenses are incurred.

(2) Any person that provides a public official or candidate, or a member of the household of the public official or candidate, with an honorarium or other item allowed under ORS 244.042 with a value exceeding \$15 shall notify the public official or candidate in writing of the value of the honorarium or other item. The person shall provide the notice to the public official or candidate within 10 days after the date of the event for which the honorarium or other item was received.

**SECTION 7.** ORS 244.255 is amended to read:

244.255. (1) The Oregon Government Ethics Commission shall estimate in advance the expenses that it will incur during a biennium in carrying out the provisions of ORS 171.725 to 171.785 and 171.992 and this chapter. The commission shall also determine what percentage of the expenses should be borne by the following two groups of public bodies:

(a) Public bodies in state government; and

(b) Local governments, local service districts and special government bodies that are subject to the Municipal Audit Law.

(2) The commission shall charge each public body for the public body's share of the expenses described in subsection (1) of this section for the biennium. The amount to be charged each public body shall be determined as follows:

(a) The commission shall determine the rate to be charged public bodies in state government. The same rate shall be applied to each public body described in this paragraph. To determine the amount of the charge for each public body, the commission shall multiply the rate determined under this paragraph by the number of public officials serving the public body.

(b) The commission shall set the charge for local governments, local service districts and special government bodies that are subject to the Municipal Audit Law so that each local government, local service district or special government body described in this paragraph pays an amount of the total expenses for the group that bears the same proportion to the total expenses that the amount charged to the local government, local service district or special government body for the municipal audit fee under ORS 297.485 bears to the total amount assessed for the municipal audit fee.

(3) Each public body shall pay to the credit of the commission the charge described in this section as an administrative expense from funds or appropriations available to the public body in the same manner as other claims against the public body are paid.

(4) All moneys received by the commission under this section shall be credited to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission Account established under ORS 244.345.

(5) The commission shall adopt rules specifying the methods for calculating and collecting the rates and charges described in this section.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "Local government" and "local service district" have the meanings given those terms in ORS 174.116.

(b) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

(c) "Public official," notwithstanding ORS 244.020 [(14)] (15), means any person who, on the date the commission charges the public body under this section, is serving the public body as an officer or employee.

(d) "Special government body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.117.

(e) "State government" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.111.

**SECTION 8.** ORS 293.708 is amended to read:

293.708. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Business" has the meaning given that term in ORS 244.020.

(b) "Business with which the person is associated" has the meaning given that term in ORS 244.020.

(c) "Relative" has the meaning given that term in ORS 244.020.

(2) When a person who is a member of the Oregon Investment Council becomes aware that action on a matter pending before the council might lead to private pecuniary benefit or detriment to the person, to a relative of the person or to a business with which the person or a relative of the person is associated, the member shall notify in writing the State Treasurer or the Deputy State Treasurer that any action, decision or recommendation by the member might constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest. The member shall provide the notice not later than three business days after the member becomes aware of the possibility of an actual or potential conflict.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply if the pecuniary benefit or detriment arises out of circumstances described in ORS 244.020 [(12)] (13).

(4) Complaints of violations of this section may be made to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission for review and investigation as provided by ORS 244.260 and for possible imposition of civil penalties as provided by ORS 244.350 or 244.360.

(5) Nothing in this section excuses a member of the council from compliance with ORS 244.120.

**SECTION 9.** ORS 441.540 is amended to read:

441.540. (1) An authority shall be managed and controlled by a board of directors, who shall be appointed by the governing body. The directors may be removed for cause or at the will of the governing body. The directors shall serve without compensation. However, the authority may reimburse the directors for their expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(2) The board of directors shall adopt and may amend rules for calling and conducting its meetings and carrying out its business and may adopt an official seal. All decisions of the board shall be by motion or resolution and shall be recorded in the board's minute book which shall be a public record. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a majority thereof shall be sufficient for the passage of any such motion or resolution.

(3) The board may employ such employees and agents as it deems appropriate and provide for their compensation.

(4) Notwithstanding the exception for pecuniary benefit or detriment described in ORS 244.020 [(12)(c)] (13)(c), a director is a public official subject

to the requirements of ORS chapter 244 based on an actual conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest arising out of the director's relationship with a nonprofit corporation that is tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, including employment with the nonprofit corporation or a relationship with a foundation that provides assistance to the nonprofit corporation.

**SECTION 10.** ORS 244.055 is amended to read:

244.055. (1) In addition to the statement required by ORS 244.050, the State Treasurer and any person listed under ORS 244.050 [(1)(q)] (1)(r) and this subsection shall file quarterly at a time fixed by the State Treasurer a trading statement listing all stocks, bonds and other types of securities purchased or sold during the preceding quarter:

(a) Directors of the Cash Management Division and the Debt Management Division.

(b) Equities, fixed income, short term fund, real estate, equities real estate and commercial and mortgage real estate investment officers and assistant investment officers.

(c) Fixed income and short term fund investment analysts.

(2) The statement required by subsection (1) of this section shall be filed for review with the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Division of Audits of the office of the Secretary of State. The content of the statement is confidential.

(3) If the State Treasurer or the Deputy State Treasurer determines that a conflict of interest exists for an officer or employee, the State Treasurer shall subject the person to appropriate discipline, including dismissal or termination of the contract, or both, pursuant to rule. If the State Treasurer has cause to believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the State Treasurer shall file a complaint with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission under ORS 244.260.

(4) If the State Treasurer fails to act on an apparent conflict of interest under subsection (3) of this section or if the statement of the State Treasurer or the Deputy State Treasurer appears to contain a conflict of interest, the Director of the Division of Audits shall report the failure or apparent conflict to the Attorney General, who may file a complaint with the commission.

**SECTION 11.** The amendments to ORS 244.020, 244.042, 244.050 and 244.350 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2015 Act apply to any filing of a statement of economic interest, speaking engagement or presentation or abuse of public office that occurs on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.

**SECTION 12.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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