



Legislative Fiscal Office

Agency Overview

LFO - Agency and Mission

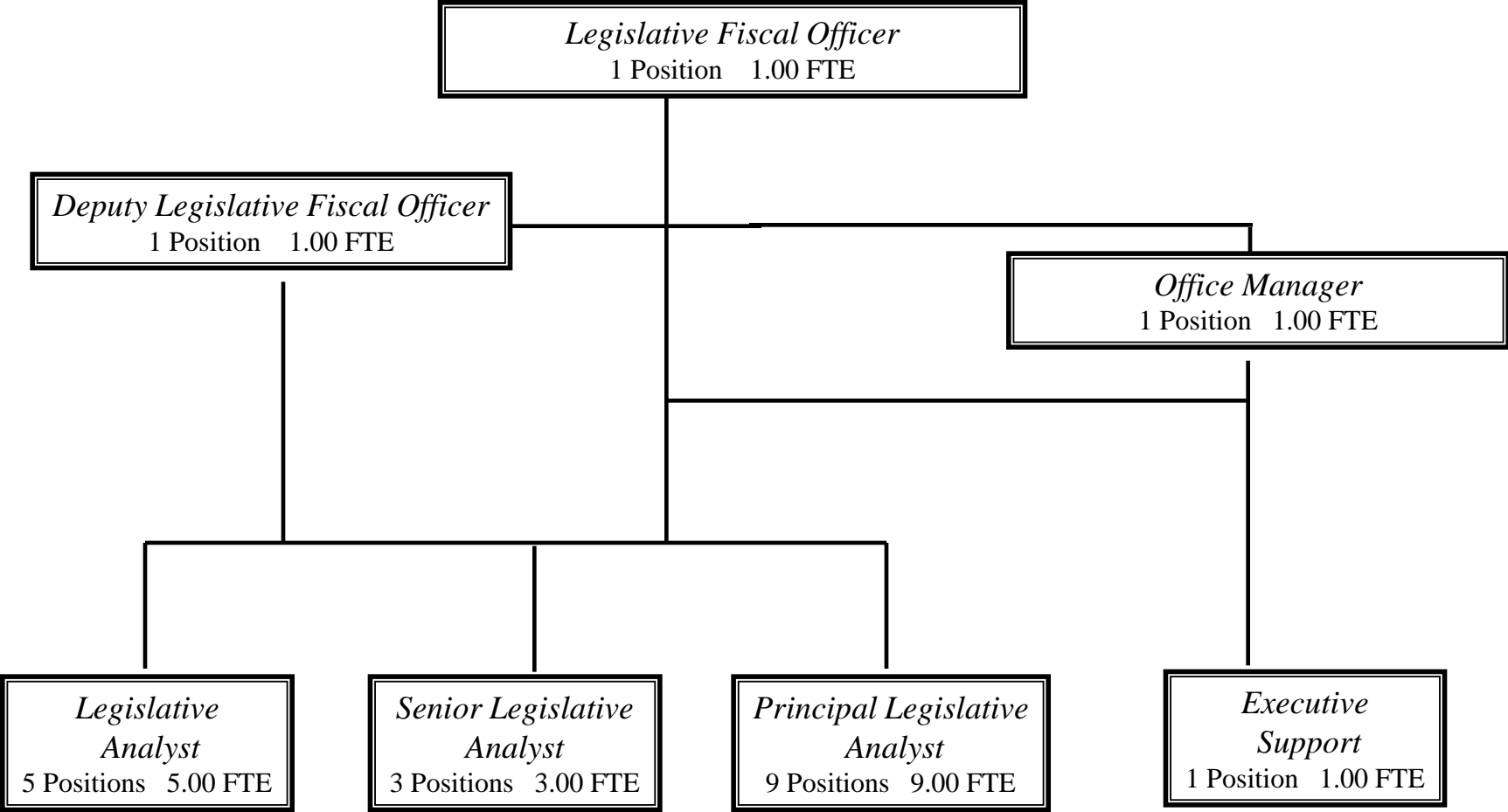
- Created in 1959 as a non-partisan, independent, permanent professional support staff office to the Legislature
- Statutory mission (ORS 173.420 – 173.450)
 - Facts and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly concerning the Governor's budget
 - Facts and estimates concerning state expenditures
 - Facts and recommendations concerning the fiscal implications of the organization and functions of the state and its state agencies
 - Facts and recommendations on other matters as may be provided for by joint or concurrent resolution
 - Furnish such assistance as is requested by the House Revenue Committee, the Senate Revenue Committee, the Legislative Revenue Officer, and other standing and interim committees and members of the Legislative Assembly

LFO – Organization and Budget

- Legislative Fiscal Officer appointed by Joint Committee on Ways and Means (session) and Emergency Board (interim)
- Staffing
 - 21 permanent positions (21.00 FTE)
 - Director, Deputy, 17 analysts, Office Manager, Support
 - 3 to 4 session support positions (from LAC Committee Services)
- 2013-15 approved budget of \$7.1 million (\$3.9 million General Fund/\$3.2 million Other Funds)

Legislative Fiscal Office Organization Chart

2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget



LFO - Responsibilities

Provides staff support for:

- Joint Committee on Ways and Means
- Joint Legislative Audit Committee (ORS 171.580)
- Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology (ORS 171.852)
 - Recently combined as the Joint Committee on Legislative Audits, Information Management and Technology
- Emergency Board
- Other special committees or task forces on budget as directed by legislative leadership

LFO - Responsibilities

During session, provides:

- Analysis and review of Governor's budget proposal
- Development of the Ways and Means Co-Chair budget
- Staffing the Ways and Means subcommittees and full committee
- Budget analysis and recommendations for bills (budget and policy) in Ways and Means (budget reports, budget notes, fiscal impacts, staff measure summaries)
- Review of measures for fiscal impact and fiscal impact statements for bills scheduled for work in legislative committees
- Development of the Legislature's adopted balanced budget
- Responses to member questions regarding state finances and agency budgets

LFO - Responsibilities

Following session, provides:

- Summary report on the legislatively adopted budget
- Detailed analysis of the legislatively adopted budget by agency and program within agency

During interim, provides:

- Analysis and recommendations on agency requests for Emergency Board action
- Program evaluations and audit reviews for the Joint Legislative Audit Committee
- Analysis and recommendations on information technology related requests for Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology
- Briefs and reports on budget-related topics and issues of interest to the Legislature
- Review of state agency budget execution and operations

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE (LFO)

Products and Services

Strategies

Goals

Measures of Success

<p>Fiscal Impact Statements</p> <p>Information-based LFO recommendations</p> <p>Publications (e.g. GRB Analysis, Presentations)</p>	<p>Provide accurate information</p> <p>Conduct thorough analyses</p> <p>Be responsive</p>	<p>Better informed and objective decision making processes</p>
<p>Monitor agency budget execution</p> <p>Committee staffing (JLAC/JLCIMT)</p> <p>Performance measures administration</p>	<p>Cultivate strong working relationships</p> <p>Invest in tools that increase staff efficiency and effectiveness</p>	<p>Greater state agency accountability for efficient and effective use of state resources</p>
<p>Joint Committee on Ways and Means and Emergency Board support services</p> <p>Appropriation Bills and Budget Reports</p>	<p>Continuously improve budget processes</p> <p>Do things right the first time</p>	<p>Clearly defined Legislative intent and a balanced state budget</p>

1. Percent of key stakeholders that rate fiscal impact statements as “usually” or “always” being: reasonable and fair, clearly written, complete and accurate
2. Number of fiscal impact statements corrected and reissued
3. Percentage of respondents to training evaluation surveys who indicate that the LFO training met or exceeded their expectations
4. Number of budget bills that are returned to Ways and Means for correction
5. Percent of customers rating their satisfaction with the LFO’s customer service as “good” or “excellent”: overall customer service, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness, expertise, and availability of information