Legislative Fiscal Office Overview
Agency and Mission

• Non-partisan, independent, permanent professional support staff office to the Legislature that was created in 1959

• Mission is to provide objective research, analysis, and evaluation of state expenditures, financial affairs, program administration, and agency operations

• Provide staffing to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Full Committee and seven Subcommittees) plus several other legislative committees

• Staff consists of a director, a deputy, 18 analysts, a committee manager, and an administrative support

• Each analyst has a portfolio of agencies with which they work
Legislative Fiscal Officer
1.00 FTE

Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer
1.00 FTE

Committee Manager
1.00 FTE

Administrative Support
1.00 FTE

Legislative Analyst
4.00 FTE, 1 LD

Senior Legislative Analyst
3.00 FTE

Principal Legislative Analyst
11.00 FTE
Responsibilities During Session

• Review agency budgets for accuracy
• Analyze fiscal and policy issues
• Examine revenue sources, expenditure limitations, expenditure patterns, staffing levels, and proposed law changes
• Review impact of budget reductions or enhancements
• Make recommendations to the Legislature related to agency budgets
• Prepare fiscal impact statements
• Respond to questions and collect information requested by legislators
• Facilitate bill amendments, budget note and budget report finalization, and presentation of Ways and Means Subcommittee decisions for the Full Ways and Means Committee
• Assist bill carriers on the House and Senate floors
Responsibilities During Interim

• Publish highlights report of session budgetary actions and detailed analysis reports of the legislatively adopted budget by agency and program

• Publish briefs and reports on budget-related topics and issues of interest to the Legislature

• Produce analysis and recommendations on agency requests for Emergency Board action

• Review state agency budget execution and operations

• Monitor agency expenditures and program implementation

• Respond to inquiries from legislators, press, agencies, citizens, NCSL, etc.
Other Committees Staffed by LFO

- **Emergency Board**
  A constitutional body responsible for making certain allowable budget adjustments when the Legislature is not in session

- **Joint Legislative Audit Committee**
  Responsible for reviewing audits, conducting evaluations, and making recommendations for change based on audit findings

- **Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology**
  Responsible for establishing statewide policy on information systems and technology and making recommendations on information resource management programs and information technology acquisitions

- **Transparency Oregon Advisory Commission**
  Responsible for making recommendations to the Department of Administrative Services on the creation, contents, operations, and enhancements to the state’s transparency website