

Legislative Fiscal Office

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How to Find Budget Related Information

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is committed to providing timely, accurate, and complete budget-related information to legislators, agency representatives, the media, and the general public. To fulfill this commitment, LFO maintains an Internet web site, produces various publications, and provides responses to specific budget-related inquiries through its permanent, non-partisan analytical staff. This Budget Information Brief describes the informational tools that are available to meet various information needs as well as tips on how to easily access them.

LFO Web Site

The Legislative Fiscal Office web site address is www.leg.state.or.us/comm/lfo/home.htm. This site allows instant access to the following types of information:

- **Emergency Board** membership, subcommittee assignments, meeting schedule, agenda, staff analysis, and meeting minutes.
- **Joint Legislative Audit Committee** membership, meeting schedule, agenda, and reports.
- **Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology** membership, meeting schedule, agenda, and staff analysis.
- **Publications** written and distributed by LFO. The documents include Budget Information Briefs, Budget Highlights, Analysis of the Legislatively Adopted Budget, Analysis of the Governor's Budget, Emergency Board minutes, and Audit Committee reports.
- **Staff Assignment** information that identifies the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of LFO staff with expertise in various program and activity areas.

LFO Publications

Budget Information Briefs. These one- to two-page reports are produced by LFO to provide policy makers with timely and concise information on specific budgetary topics. The reports are usually the result of numerous inquiries from legislators and/or the general public. Briefs are issued to efficiently and effectively answer common questions and share relevant facts.

Budget Highlights. LFO produces a summary of each legislatively adopted budget. This report is intended to provide a summary of major budget actions taken by the Legislative Assembly. It summarizes statewide General Fund, Lottery, Other Funds and Federal Funds spending. It also provides program area highlights for Education, Human Services, Public Safety, Natural Resources, Lottery, Economic Development, Transportation, Judicial Branch, Administration, and the Emergency Fund.

Budget Analysis Reports. LFO publishes two detailed analysis reports each biennium. The first report is issued immediately prior to each regular legislative session and presents an analysis of the Governor's Recommended Budget by agency and program. This document is used to guide legislative budgetary debate and decision-making. The second report, issued after each regular legislative session, presents the Legislatively Adopted Budget by agency and program. The analysis of the adopted budget is used both as a reference document for legislators and as a source of general information for the public on the budgetary and policy decisions made by the Legislature.

Emergency Board Analysis and Minutes. Every eight to 10 weeks during the interim between legislative sessions, the Emergency Board meets to consider budget adjustments requested by state agencies. For each Emergency Board agenda item, LFO produces a written analysis that discusses applicable legislative history, describes the elements of the request, discusses relevant issues and alternatives, and presents recommendations and supporting rationale. Once the Emergency Board has concluded its work, LFO produces minutes of the committee discussion, rationale, vote, and action.

Legislative Audit Committee Reports. These program and topic-specific audits and reports are completed by LFO staff based on budget reports, bills passed, and legislative requests. Recommendations adopted by the Audit Committee are summarized in final reports that are presented to the entire Legislative Assembly during subsequent regular sessions.

Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology. LFO also produces staff analysis of requests and reports submitted by state agencies to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology. These committee meetings are generally coordinated with the Emergency Board meetings to provide technical review of information management requests.

LFO Staff

The Legislative Fiscal Office is a non-partisan, professional staff established to provide objective fiscal policy information and options for the Legislature. The staff serves all members, with priority given to fiscal committees, including the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during sessions and the Emergency Board during the interim between sessions. The following is a list of current LFO staff, phone numbers, and assignments:

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