

HB 5021 is the Oregon Government Ethics Commission budget. It is an 18% increase but the Legislative Assembly has exempted itself from its jurisdiction during Sessions. The Legislative Assembly refuses to abide by OGEC education, investigative, and policy standards during Sessions. The Legislative Assembly's official position in law is 'do as I say not as I do.' SB 929 calls for a plan to dissolve the OGEC in favor of each branch of government regulating itself with the voters regulating the elected officials. The OGEC should be given full authority and funding to regulate all equally in all three branches (Executive, Legislative, Judicial) or be disbanded. An independent agency would be preferred.