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Government Ethics and Accountability Measure Passes Oregon Senate

Senate Bill 207 will provide consistency for the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, strengthen oversight of executive session laws

SALEM, Ore - Today, the Oregon Senate passed [Senate Bill 207](#), a measure to provide consistency for the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) by allowing the Commission to provide uniform oversight across all three areas of its jurisdiction – Ethics, Lobby, and Executive Session laws.

Currently, OGEC is allowed to open cases by a motion of Commissioners when it has credible information about a potential violation of Ethics or Lobby laws. This legislation will allow OGEC to open cases on its own motion when it has credible information indicating potential violations of Oregon’s executive session laws.

“Government works best when it is accountable to the people. By providing consistency for OGEC, we will support the Commission’s work to impartially and effectively administer and enforce Oregon’s government ethics laws for the benefit of Oregon’s citizens,” said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton)**.

Improving government accountability and efficiency are key to Senate Democrats’ 2023 Oregon Works Agenda. [Learn more here.](#)

SB 207 now heads to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

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