

## OREGON

### INTRODUCTION

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over elected and appointed executive branch officials, executive branch employees, and members of the legislature. [Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 244.010, 244.020\(15\)](#).

### SCOPE OF SANCTIONS

Personnel Actions – The Commission has the authority to remove an appointed public official for violation of the ethics rules or issue a letter of reprimand, explanation, or education to any public official. [Or. Rev. Stat. § 244.270\(1\), \(2\); 350\(5\)](#).

Injunctions – NONE

Fines – It may impose civil penalties, including fines ranging up to \$25,000 and twice the amount of the improper benefit. [Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 244.350, 244.360](#).

### ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS for 2016, 2017, and 2018, if available

#### 1. How many complaints were filed?

2016 – 40 complaints were filed. Of these 40, 5 related to failure to file statements of economic interest.<sup>1</sup>

2017 – 56 complaints were filed.<sup>2</sup>

2018 – 115 complaints were filed.<sup>3</sup>

#### 2. How many complaints were dismissed?

2016 – 19 complaints were dismissed. Of these, one related to failure to file statements of economic interest.<sup>4</sup>

2017 – 20 complaints were dismissed.<sup>5</sup>

2018 – 31 complaints were dismissed.<sup>6</sup>

#### 3. How many cases were resolved with a finding of no ethics violation?

2016 – This information cannot be determined.

2017 – 16 cases were resolved with a finding of no ethics violation. Of these, 2 related to failure to file statements of economic interest.<sup>7</sup>

2018 – 28 cases were resolved with a finding of no ethics violation. Of these, 8 related to failure to file statements of economic interest.<sup>8</sup>

#### 4. How many cases were resolved with a finding of an ethics violation?

2016 – This information cannot be determined.

2017 – 14 cases were resolved with a finding of an ethics violation. Of these, 5 related to failure to file statements of economic interest.<sup>9</sup>

2018 – 21 cases were resolved with a finding of an ethics violation. Of these, 8 related to failure to file statements of economic interest.<sup>10</sup>

## **5. What sanction was adopted?**

2016 – This information cannot be determined.

2017 – A variety of sanctions were adopted including letters of education and fines ranging from \$100 – \$750.<sup>11</sup>

2018 – A variety of sanctions were adopted including letters of education and fines ranging from \$250 – \$20,000.<sup>12</sup>

## **ARE THE DECISIONS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE?**

Partially – the decisions for 2017 and 2018 are published on the Commission’s website, but cases from 2016 are not available.<sup>13</sup>

## **SOURCES**

Oregon Government Ethics Commission, Final Dispositions,  
<https://apps.oregon.gov/OGEC/CMS/FinalDispositions>

Oregon Government Ethics Commission, Complaints Filed/Dispositional Analysis, [2017 and earlier](#)

Oregon Government Ethics Commission, Complaints Filed/Disposed, [2017 and later](#).

## **NOTES**

This report uses a variety of sources, only some of which are publicly available. The Dispositional Analysis and Case Disposition Logs were provided via email. Wherever possible information on cases relating to lobbyists were excluded from the total number of cases reported.

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<sup>1</sup> Complaints Filed Dispositional Analysis provided via email from Kathy Baier, March 13, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> 2017 & 2018 Case Dispositions provided via email from Kathy Baier, March, 13 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> Complaints Filed Dispositional Analysis provided via email from Kathy Baier, March 13, 2019.

<sup>5</sup> 2017 & 2018 Case Dispositions provided via email from Kathy Baier, March, 13 2019.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid

<sup>7</sup> 2017 Published Final Dispositions

<sup>8</sup> 2018 Published Final Dispositions

<sup>9</sup> 2017 Published Final Dispositions

<sup>10</sup> 2018 Published Final Dispositions

<sup>11</sup> 2017 Published Final Dispositions

<sup>12</sup> 2018 Published Final Dispositions

<sup>13</sup> Published Final Dispositions