

PCOL – Management and Human Resources Committee
Recommendation on Program Evaluation (*Audit*)

The Oregon Constitution identifies the Secretary of State as the auditor of public accounts. However, in order for the Legislative Assembly to independently monitor the effectiveness of state funded programs and to have a more informed budgeting process, the committee recommends creation of an Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability within the Legislative Fiscal Office.

The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and associated committee represent a restructuring and renaming of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The new committee will have equal representation of Democrats and Republicans.

The office will have the authority to conduct in-depth policy analysis and program evaluations and reviews, using commonly accepted professional standards, of state agencies, programs and all other state-funded programs.

The director will have the ability to examine and inspect all accounts, books, records, files, papers and documents and financial records of any public body.