

# Government Oversight Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** HB-5255 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF STATE AGENCY

**Title:** GRANTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/17/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/3/2026

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

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### REASONS FOR BILL:

HB 5255 requires OPM (by December 1, 2026), to develop a standard contract template for legislatively earmarked grant awards, including audit specifications and required terms for subawards. OPM is also required to develop general requirements for grantees that provide a subaward, verifying the subrecipient is not suspended, disbarred or otherwise ineligible to receive a grant award – and to obtain an authorization for a state agency or pass-through entity to access relevant information to monitor the subaward and make sure funds are being used for their intended purpose. Lastly, OPM is required to develop a general quarterly training program for state agencies in best practices concerning earmarked grant awards and subawards.

All state agencies are required to use the contract template created by this legislation by January 1, 2027.

Each state agency is also required to submit an annual report (beginning December 1, 2027), of all earmarked grant awards and subawards disbursed over the previous year. Additionally, OPM is required to compile all these reports annually, beginning on January 1, 2028.

### SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

None

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None

**Reported by: Clerk- Greg Wolff**

**Date: 3/20/26**