74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Judiciary

MEASURE: CARRIER:

| REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued | |
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| Action: | Do Pass |
| Vote: | 9 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
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| Meeting Dates: | 1/22 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Attorney General to distribute more than 50 percent of the funds in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account to victims' assistance programs operated by the district attorney..

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Increased flexibility by the Department of Justice to increase funding to victims' assistance program operated by the district attorney.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 147.225 creates the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account. The Attorney General administers the account and, currently, can distribute up to one-half of the funds in the account to cities and counties that maintain victims' assistance programs in order to support these programs. According to the Department of Justice, these programs need additional funding.