

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Beyer, Kruse, Walker, Burdick
Nays: 0
Exc.: Prozanski
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Meeting Dates: 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Attorney General discretion in deciding what amount to distribute from the funds in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account to victims' assistance programs operated by the district attorney.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Attorney General intends to distribute to district attorneys more than the currently mandated 50 percent of the funds in the account

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.