

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Rewrites criteria for programs distributing victim assistance funds to city and county offices for victim services. Adds requirement that notice be given to victims of their rights as soon as practicable. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 147.227 governs the distribution of Criminal Fine and Assessment Account Funds to city and county offices for victim services. The District Attorney Based Victim Assistance programs and the Oregon District Attorney's Association worked together to rewrite the language to better reflect current practice. The only substantive change to the statute is the requirement that victims be notified of their rights as soon as practicable.