

Senate Bill 220

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes Attorney General to administer federal Violence Against Women Act grants concurrent with state grants.

Modifies purpose for which moneys in Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund may be used.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to administration of crime victim funds by Department of Justice Crime Victims' Services
3 Division; amending ORS 147.231 and 147.453.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 147.231 is amended to read:

6 147.231. (1) Subject to the availability of sufficient funds in the Criminal Injuries Compensation
7 Account, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee may make grants from the
8 Criminal Injuries Compensation Account to eligible public or private nonprofit agencies that provide
9 services to victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception. The
10 Attorney General may not make grants unless there are sufficient funds in the Criminal Injuries
11 Compensation Account to satisfy both the projected compensation claims of victims of violent crimes
12 and the anticipated costs of complying with ORS 147.227 and of providing the funds deemed neces-
13 sary by the Attorney General to comply with ORS 147.397. The grants authorized by this section
14 are in addition to federal Victims of Crime Act **and Violence Against Women Act** grants that are
15 administered by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.

16 (2) Funds distributed under this section may be used only for services to victims of violent
17 crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception and may not be used to replace
18 funds otherwise available for services to victims of crime.

19 (3) As used in this section, "services" includes, but is not limited to:

20 (a) Crisis intervention services;

21 (b) Providing, in an emergency, transportation to court, short-term child care, temporary housing
22 and security measures;

23 (c) Assistance in participating in criminal justice proceedings;

24 (d) Preparation, publication and distribution of materials that inform victims of violent crimes,
25 property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception of the services that are available;

26 (e) Salaries of persons who provide direct services to victims of violent crimes, property crimes
27 and crimes involving fraud and deception to the extent that the persons provide the services; and

28 (f) Counseling for victims of property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception.

29 (4) Applicants for grants under subsection (1) of this section shall:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a) Certify that priority will be given to providing assistance to victims of violent crimes in-
2 cluding, but not limited to, victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse; and

3 (b) Provide any information and assurances that the Department of Justice may require.

4 (5) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee may administer the grants au-
5 thorized by this section concurrently with the administration of the federal Victims of Crime Act
6 **and Violence Against Women Act** grants.

7 (6) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 to carry out the provisions
8 of this section.

9 **SECTION 2.** ORS 147.453 is amended to read:

10 147.453. There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund,
11 the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund. All moneys in the fund are continuously
12 appropriated to the Department of Justice and shall be used by the department to carry out a pro-
13 gram of domestic and sexual violence services that:

14 (1) Provides safety for and assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, promotes ef-
15 fective intervention and reduces the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault;

16 (2) Advocates for victims and for domestic violence and sexual assault services; and

17 (3) Promotes and facilitates interagency and interdepartmental cooperation among state agen-
18 cies, including the Department of Human Services [*and the Department of State Police*], and among
19 different levels of government in this state in the delivery and funding of services.

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