

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 9 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Hicks, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Garrett  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/24, 3/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies the Department of Justice crime victim's compensation program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Whether the payments made to victims are taxable
- Whether proposal will lead to more collections against defendants who are delinquent in restitution payments to victims
- Sanctions typically imposed on defendants who willfully fail to make restitution payments to victims

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Modifies cap on compensation amount. Allows compensation to victims for participation in hearings, oral arguments and other proceedings short of actual attendance. Requires the Department of Justice to adopt rules further defining catastrophic injuries.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 147.005-147.037 governs the administration of the Department of Justice crime victim's compensation program. House Bill 3021A makes a number of grammatical and substantive changes. House Bill 3021A allows victims to apply for compensation within one year of the date of the injury instead of the current time limit of six months (Section 3 (6)(a)). House Bill 3021A modifies language regarding counseling benefits available to a victim if an offender is going through the post-conviction processes (appeals, post-conviction relief, habeas corpus cases, etc.) to make the benefits more accessible to victims and clarifies that the amount which can be distributed to a victim under this section is capped at \$20,000.