76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Aaron Knott, Counsel

Meeting Dates: 5/4

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

MEASURE: HB 3021 A

CARRIER: Sen. Bonamici

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Insurance subrogation claims and victim assistance programs
- Equivalent federal programs and aid for the victims of federal crimes
- Funding mechanisms for the Department of Justice's crime victim's compensation program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current ORS 147.005-147.037 govern the administration of the Department of Justice crime victim's compensation program. House Bill 3021 A makes a number of grammatical and substantive changes to these statutes. House Bill 3021 A 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 3021 A 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 while allowing flexibility for those victims who have suffered a catastrophic injury.