

# House Bill 3279

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY (at the request of Attorney General Ellen F. Rosenblum)

## SUMMARY

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Authorizes Attorney General to initiate prosecutions of organized crime.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to organized crime; amending ORS 180.070 and 180.610.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 180.610 is amended to read:

180.610. (1) The Department of Justice shall:

[(1)] (a) Provide all administrative, clerical, investigative and legal assistance required by ORS 180.600 to 180.630.

[(2)] (b) Establish a coordinated system of collecting, storing and disseminating information relating to organized crime.

[(3)] (c) Develop and maintain a liaison between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in Oregon, assisting them in the investigation and suppression of organized criminal activity and encouraging cooperation among those agencies.

[(4)] (d) Conduct comprehensive factual studies of organized criminal activity in Oregon, outlining existing state and local policies and procedures with respect to organized crime, and formulating and proposing such changes in those policies and procedures as the department may deem appropriate.

[(5)] (e) Investigate allegations of corruption or malfeasance by public officials in Oregon and, where appropriate, coordinate, cooperate and assist in taking legal action.

[(6)] (f) Investigate investment of funds in Oregon suspected to have been generated by criminal activities.

**(2) The Attorney General may commence a prosecution of organized crime.**

**(3) When acting under subsection (2) of this section, the Attorney General shall have the same powers in any county as the district attorney for the county.**

**SECTION 2.** ORS 180.070 is amended to read:

180.070. (1) The Attorney General may, when directed to do so by the Governor, take full charge of any investigation or prosecution of violation of law in which the circuit court has jurisdiction.

(2) When acting under this section, the Attorney General shall have all the powers of a district attorney, including the power to issue or cause to be issued subpoenas or other process. The Attorney General may, when the Attorney General considers the public interest requires, with or without the concurrence of the district attorney, direct the county grand jury to convene for the investigation and consideration of such matters of a criminal nature as the Attorney General desires to submit to it. The Attorney General may take full charge of the presentation of such matters to

**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 the grand jury, issue subpoenas, prepare indictments, and do all other things incident thereto to the  
2 same extent as the district attorney may do.

3 (3) All costs, fees and other expense shall be paid by the county in which the investigation takes  
4 place, to the same extent as if conducted by the district attorney of that county.

5 (4) The power conferred by this section, ORS 180.060, 180.220, [*or*] 180.240 **or 180.610** does not  
6 deprive the district attorneys of any of their authority, or relieve them from any of their duties to  
7 prosecute criminal violations of law and advise the officers of the counties composing their districts.

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