## House Bill 2205

Sponsored by Representatives HUFFMAN, TAYLOR (Presession filed.)

## **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.** 

Establishes Fund to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Justice to provide financial assistance to fund services, interventions and treatment for children who have been or may become victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

Authorizes appointment of advisory committee to advise department and to make recommendations to department for awards of financial assistance.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
  - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
  - SECTION 1. (1) The Fund to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Fund to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children shall be credited to the fund. All moneys deposited in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Justice for the purposes of this section.
  - (2) The Department of Justice, with the advice of the advisory committee appointed under subsection (5) of this section, shall allocate moneys from the Fund to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children to provide financial assistance to fund one or more of the following:
  - (a) Services, interventions and treatment for children who have been or may become the victims of commercial sexual exploitation;
  - (b) Efforts to provide outreach to, and to educate, the public, professionals and service providers about the commercial sexual exploitation of children;
  - (c) Efforts to prevent and reduce the incidence of commercial sexual exploitation of children;
  - (d) Training of investigators, service providers and others regarding the identification and treatment of children who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation;
    - (e) Advocacy for children who have been victims of commercial sexual exploitation;
  - (f) Promotion and facilitation of interagency and interdepartmental cooperation among state agencies and among different levels of government in this state in the delivery and funding of services for children who have been or may become victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and
  - (g) Any other activity, project or program that will encourage and support the provision of preventative and therapeutic assistance to child victims or potential child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
    - (3) An individual or entity wishing to apply for funding from the Fund to End Commercial

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- Sexual Exploitation of Children shall submit an application to the department. The application shall be in the form and contain the information required by the department by rule.
- (4) The department may solicit and accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States or its agencies, or from other sources, public or private, and agree to conditions not inconsistent with the purposes of this section. All funds received shall be deposited into the Fund to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and are continuously appropriated to the department for the purposes of this section.
- (5) The department shall appoint an advisory committee to advise the department with respect to policies and procedures to coordinate statewide planning for delivery of services to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The advisory committee shall meet with and advise the department, provide the department with information regarding the status of existing services and make recommendations for the making of awards of financial assistance pursuant to this section. The department shall include as members of the advisory committee stakeholders with expertise in child welfare, mental health and addiction, sex trafficking and law enforcement.
- (6) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section, including but not limited to the role of the advisory committee.

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