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TO: Co-Chair Duane Stark
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FROM: Kevin Neely, Oregon District Attorneys Association

RE: Response to question during agency budget testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to present the budget for The District Attorneys and Their Deputies. During the budget presentation Senator Winters asked the following question:

How many counties provide a supplement to the salary of the elected district attorney?

22 counties currently provide supplements to district attorneys. All supplements are considered and approved annually by the commissions of each county. As a result, this number does occasionally change.

In many counties, the district attorney is asked to fulfill a range of duties beyond the prosecution function. This includes serving as civil counsel, handling forfeitures and other such responsibilities. The supplements also help to reduce instances of salary compression between elected district attorneys and their deputies. In several counties, senior deputy district attorneys are paid as much or more than the elected DA.

Please let me know if there are any additional questions.