

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 4049 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of State Police to establish multidisciplinary committee on tracking of sexual assault forensic evidence kits.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon State Police (OSP)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

The measure directs the Department of State Police (OSP) to establish a multidisciplinary committee on the tracking of sexual assault forensic evidence (SAFE) kits and to create and maintain a statewide electronic SAFE kit tracking system. OSP notes that the committee established in this measure describes similar activities to the task force created in SB 1571 (2016).

The fiscal impact is indeterminate; but is anticipated to have a budgetary impact on OSP. In January 2017, the Department was awarded a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for a three-year project to procure a system solution for developing SAFE kit tracking software. Grant funding for the 2017-19 biennium is expected to be \$693,489 Federal Funds with another \$346,699 Federal Funds expended in 2019-21. Allowable uses for these funds include a non-IT program coordinating position and vendor costs.

Additionally, OSP has discovered that the Portland Police Bureau has developed a SAFE tracking system and will share the software program at no cost. OSP is currently evaluating this software program to determine if it fits the needs of the project, and what resources would be needed to support that program. If the Portland Police Bureau software is a viable solution, OSP will attempt to modify the federal grant to use those funds to pay for supporting the program. If that is not an allowable use of the Federal Funds, OSP will likely need General Fund support. If the Portland Police Bureau software is not a viable solution, OSP will move forward with the federal grant.

Regardless of the viability of the Portland Police Bureau option and the use of the Federal grant funds, the Legislative Fiscal Office notes that OSP will need additional General Fund resources in the future for, at a minimum, the costs of an IT support position and State Data Center charges for the ongoing administration of the tracking system.