

HB 2049 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Innovative Grant Program within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Requires Commission to award grants to programs that demonstrate strong potential for positive impact on public safety, can produce measurable outcomes, have a potential to benefit the entire state, and demonstrate coordination with local public safety coordinating councils. Provides rulemaking authority. Establishes Innovative Grant Fund within State Treasury.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Obstacles for small agencies and groups to get funding for small projects
- Current process for obtaining legislative changes and funding
- Current process for grant administration through Criminal Justice Commission
- Use of data-driven review of programs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) is responsible for administering state and federal grant programs relating to public safety. Examples of federal grant programs include the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT), and Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act compliance funding (SORNA). State grant administration includes the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program and the Specialty Court Grant Program.

House Bill 2049 establishes the Innovative Grant Program within the CJC. The measure requires funds be awarded to programs that produce measurable outcomes demonstrating a positive impact on public safety that can benefit the entire state and that demonstrate coordination with local public safety coordinating committees.