

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 22: District Attorneys Nonunanimous Jury Convictions

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend appropriating \$1 million General Fund, with a corresponding decrease in the special purpose appropriation to the Emergency Board for expenses of district attorneys related to nonunanimous jury convictions, to the Department of Justice for District Attorneys in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session for expenses related to nonunanimous jury convictions.

The 2023 Legislature approved a special purpose appropriation for expenses of district attorneys for victim assistance, investigation, temporary staffing, and other one-time, non-routine prosecution expenses related to nonunanimous jury convictions.

The Oregon District Attorneys Association, through a survey of district attorney offices, reports that six counties have documented a sufficient level of projected expenditures to justify the release of the special purpose appropriation.

The Department of Justice will disperse the funding based upon individual district attorney offices and counties providing documentation of costs.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.