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Measure Description:

Establishes Organized Retail Theft Grant Program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Criminal Justice Commission, Department of State Police

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Criminal Justice Commission		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$167,516	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$19,082	\$0
Special Payments	\$4,813,402	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$5,000,000	\$0
Total Positions	1	0
Total FTE	0.75	0.00

Analysis:

The measure establishes the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program designed to assist cities, counties, the Oregon State Police (OSP), and community-based organizations, with costs incurred in addressing and prosecuting organized retail theft. The measure includes a one-time appropriation of \$5 million General Fund to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) for the purposes of providing competitive grants to cities and counties, community-based organizations, and OSP and directs the Commission to administer the grant program. The measure is effective January 1, 2024.

Although the demand for grant funds is unknown, the Commission anticipates needing a limited duration Program Analyst 3 (0.75 FTE) at an estimated cost of \$186,598 for developing, implementing the application and distribution process, and monitoring the grant program. After accounting for these administrative costs, the Commission would have \$4,813,402 available for grants.

The fiscal impact for the grant recipients is indeterminate. The measure does not specify how the remaining amount available for grants will be distributed between the three eligible categories. For OSP, there are not currently resources allocated to addressing organized retail theft. If grant funding was received for this purpose, the agency may need to return to the Legislative Emergency Board or a subsequent legislative session for Other Funds expenditure limitation or position authority.

This measure has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.

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