

HB 2732 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**Department of Justice
2023-25**

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Budget Summary*

	2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2021-23 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Summary of Revenue Changes

HB 2732 appropriates \$6 million General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for distribution to eligible Children’s Advocacy Centers (CAC) which may also be referred to as Child Abuse Intervention Centers. CAC are 501(c)(3) non-profit entities and receive only a portion of their funding from the state. State funding for CACs include appropriation of General Fund, allocations from the Criminal Fine Accounts, and Federal Funds (e.g., Victims of Crime Act).

Summary of Joint Committee on Ways and Means Action

The Committee approved, on a one-time basis, a General Fund appropriation of \$6 million for DOJ’s Crime Victims and Survivor Services Division for distribution to eligible CACs.

While local law enforcement and the Department of Human Services are responsible for investigating cases of child abuse, the purpose of CACs is to provide forensic interviews, medical examinations, treatment, mental health treatment, and referral and/or coordination of other services. CACs, if available, also participate in county Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) child abuse case reviews. In the absence of CACs, services are provided by law enforcement, hospitals, or other medical facilities that may not employ individuals with specialized training in child abuse assessments or be able to provide or refer children to support services.

There are an estimated 21 CACs across the state, five of which are designated as Regional Assessment Centers or Regional Children’s Advocacy Centers and are operated as a CAC. Regional Assessment Centers provide trainings and complex case assistance to both CACs and MDTs. Thirteen CACs provide services to a single county and eight CACs provide services to more than one county, including two Eastern Oregon CACs

that provide services to five counties each. CACs operate as a loose network and cases can be transferred among CACs depending upon the available capacity of individual CACs.

Enhanced funding will be used to fill budget gaps and expand services such as retaining existing staff, filling vacant positions, hiring additional staff, and maintain critical infrastructure such as buildings and medical and forensic interviewing equipment. This is anticipated to result in higher rates of staff retention, increased capacity to serve children, and decreased wait times for children referred for services. DOJ shall report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2025 legislative session on the distribution of total funding to CACs, for what purpose the funds were expended, the number of children served, and the types of services provided.

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DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>COMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 045 - Crime Victims Programs									
Special Payments	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000		

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