FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Modifies allocation formula for grants to children's advocacy centers.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of State Police, District Attorneys, Department of Human Services, Department of Justice

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
Department of Justice		
General Fund		
Special Payments	\$6,000,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$6,000,000	\$0
Other Funds*		
Special Payments	\$6,000,000	\$0
Total Other Funds	\$6,000,000	\$0
Total Funds	\$12,000,000	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00
Total General Fund	\$6,000,000	\$0
Total Other Funds	\$6,000,000	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$12,000,000	\$0
Total Positions	0	0
Total FTE	0.00	0.00
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*Represents General Fund expended as Other Funds

Analysis:

The measure establishes the Child Abuse Assessment Account (CAAA) and appropriates \$6 million General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 for deposit into the CAAA. In addition, the measure requires that the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program (CAMI) allocate moneys from the CAAA to eligible non-profit Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) using the same, or similar, formula used by the Attorney General for equitable distribution of victims' assistance programs which considers the population under the age of 18 and county crime rates. The measure does not allow allocations from the CAAA to be used as replacement revenues for current funds previously allocated by the county for CAC's.

Lastly, the measure modifies where the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment may deposit contributions. In current law, the contributions are deposited into CAMI, however, the measure would now allow the council to deposit contributions into the CAMI or the CAAA.

Department of Justice

The measure provides for a one-time \$6 million General Fund appropriation to DOJ for the 2023-25 biennium and for deposit into the newly established CAAA and includes Other Funds expenditure limitation for DOJ to expend the funds from the CAAA. DOJ reports that the funds will be used to support CACs, across Oregon, to maintain and expand resources that are offered to abused children and their non-offending family members. The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the unexpended funds in the CAAA will be converted from General Funds to Other Funds and carryforward into future biennia.

There is no fiscal impact for the Department of Human Services, Department of State Police, or District Attorneys.

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.