

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 696**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Appropriates moneys to Department of Justice out of General Fund to fund animal cruelty-focused attorney within department's Criminal Justice Division.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

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
<b>Department of Justice</b>		
<b>General Fund</b>		
Personal Services	\$428,856	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$94,302	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$523,158</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$523,158</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Total Positions</i>	1	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	1.00	0.00

**Analysis:**

The measure appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to fund one attorney staff position that focuses on animal cruelty within the Criminal Justice Division. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

Department of Justice

DOJ reports that a Senior Assistant Attorney General position (1.00 FTE) would prosecute animal neglect and abuse cases. The position would also aid prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon, during animal cruelty investigations and provide subject matter training and resources.

DOJ reports that the agency has prosecuted approximately 250 defendants and provided consultation services to approximately 350 animal neglect and abuse cases over the last decade. DOJ estimates the cost for this position and service and supplies will be \$523,158 General Fund for the 2023-25 biennium. The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the measure provides funding on a one-time basis therefore, the fiscal impact statement assumes costs will only be incurred in the 2023-25 biennium.

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.