

HB 4140 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates General Fund monies to the Department of Justice for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, for the purpose of assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs, for distribution to eligible children’s advocacy centers, and for deposit in the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No Amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Justice is responsible for a conglomeration of functions and activities. The [Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division](#) (CVSSD) compensates victims of violent crime for losses they sustain as a result of criminal actions and is organized into sections specific to the goals of the Division as a whole. CVSSD administers and monitors grants from eight major funds, providing partial funding to myriad nonprofit and system-based victims programs across the state.

The [Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund](#) (ODSVS) provides money for a program of domestic violence and sexual assault services that provides safety and advocacy services for victims, promotes cooperation among agencies for services, and provides programs and services for teen dating violence and domestic violence education and victim assistance. ODSVS funding objectives and priorities are listed in ORS 147.459, and include balancing funding for intervention, infrastructure, and prevention services. The Legislative Assembly provides funds on one-time bases for CVSSD to distribute to the ODSVS for housing assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Children’s Advocacy Centers provide child abuse assessments for the purpose of determining whether the child has been abused or neglected, and facilitate a coordinated, comprehensive and multidisciplinary response to cases of child abuse. Children’s Advocacy Centers do not charge families a fee for their service, but may bill private insurance, the Oregon Health Plan, or Crime Victim’s Compensation (CVC). CVC covers an eligible child’s crime-related counseling, medical bills, rehabilitation services, and mileage reimbursement. CVC additionally may cover counseling for eligible parents and caregivers of abused children, and lost wages of a parent or guardian when providing care for the victim while they are healing from the abuse.