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The Honorable Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE, H-178
Salem, OR 97301

Re: 2025-27 Agency Reduction Options

Dear Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez:

The Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) respectfully submits the enclosed reduction options and list of new and expanded programs in response to the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means' request for prioritized budget reduction strategies for the 2025–27 biennium.

The DOJ's core statutory mission outlined in Chapter 180 is to provide legal representation to the State of Oregon, protect vulnerable Oregonians, enforce civil and criminal laws, and support public safety through fair and effective legal processes. In developing our reduction options, we prioritized preserving core statutory responsibilities and frontline services, while identifying duplicative or lower-impact activities that could be scaled back with the least harm to the public.

Each reduction was evaluated for its alignment with Attorney General Dan Rayfield's strategic priorities, which emphasizes keeping communities safe, protecting seniors, consumers, and working families, defending Oregon's values, and strengthening the foundation of agency. Additionally, DOJ's Other Funds limitation in this exercise does not include Federal Funds as Other Funds, which reduces the Other Funds target by 18%, as these funds are Federal Funds originating from other agencies.

Below is a summary of proposed reductions, including the number of positions held vacant, fund reductions, strategic alignment, and both short- and long-term effects. As Oregon's law firm, much of the work of the DOJ is not optional. State agencies will continue to need legal services, and litigation will continue to work through the trial and appellate processes. The

reductions below may temporarily save funds, but if the legal needs of the State continue at the pace forecasted, cuts to legal divisions will result in an increased reliance on outside counsel and less predictability of costs that cannot be avoided. Simply put, the impact on legal costs to state agencies is based on their need for legal services. Those needs must be fulfilled whether it is at a lower DOJ rate or the rate of outside legal counsel. Losing billable attorney positions in the agency has the unintended consequence of increasing the legal rate charged to state agencies, as fewer attorneys are available to share the fixed overhead costs. This reduction in staffing lowers the total number of billable hours, decreasing funding for the agency while simultaneously raising the cost per hour of legal services. Although such cuts may appear to reduce DOJ's budget, they often lead to higher legal service costs across state government and can strain the DOJ's capacity to meet legal demands efficiently and will not help with the General Fund shortfall.

To support a strategic and fiscally responsible approach to budget reductions, we've prioritized actions that minimize operational disruptions and long-term cost impacts. Small reductions are placed at the top of the list to absorb early savings followed by agencywide initiatives to streamline and modernization operations. Vacant positions are separated from filled positions to clarify staffing impacts and preserve flexibility. A 20% agencywide reduction in travel has been applied and initiated to reduce discretionary spending along with other discretionary spending associated with holding positions vacant. DOJ remains committed to balancing service continuity with responsible financial stewardship, ensuring that essential programs continue to serve communities effectively during this period of economic adjustments. In response, DOJ has initiated grant reductions to align with statewide fiscal constraints of \$3.8 million dollars. Finally, the General Counsel, Appellate, Trial, and Child Advocacy Protection divisions are protected to the greatest extent possible, recognizing that reduction to these areas often causes cost shifting or outsourcing, ultimately resulting in more expensive legal services for state agencies for work that is unavoidable.

The first significant proposed reduction focuses on agencywide savings and modernization, which aligns with DOJ's process improvement goals and our work to strengthen the foundation of the agency. DOJ has worked across divisions to streamline IT services and improve financial practices, including through the Legal Tools Replacement Project. These efforts have generated \$2.2 million in General Fund savings that allow this reduction to be absorbed without affecting core services or timelines. While manageable now, sustained underfunding could eventually delay future upgrades and limit DOJ's ability to implement enterprise-wide improvements.

We propose \$4.2 million reduction—comprising \$1.4 million General Fund, nominal Other Funds, and \$2.8 million Federal Funds—aligns with broader cost-saving efforts while attempting to preserve core child support services. It eliminates 12 months of funding for hosting the Origin system at Atmosera, requiring a transition to the State Data Center by third quarter of State Fiscal Year 2026. If delayed, critical functions like payment processing and legal action could be disrupted. It also reduces funding for the ODAA Child Support Liaison by 30% for 18 months, potentially limiting support to district attorney offices. Additionally, it removes one-time

funding for assessing staff readiness for cloud migration, which may hinder training if skill gaps are identified.

The Administrative Services Division, supporting DOJ process improvement work to strengthen the foundation of the agency, proposes a \$0.9 million General Fund and \$3.1 million Other Funds reduction with 11 positions held vacant. Reductions at this level consist of positions performing HR support, business administration, training, project management, and technology support. The loss of these positions will jeopardize our ability to plan, execute, and report on the Department's business continuity program. Additionally, we will lose the core functionality of our diversity, equity, and inclusion program. The reductions would also impact on the Honor Attorneys program, which serves as a critical workforce development tool for the DOJ, by holding some positions vacant.

The Crime Victims' Services Division, aligned with community safety and trauma recovery, proposes a \$2.3 million reduction in General Funds and a \$6.2 million reduction in Other Funds, including cuts to sub-grants that flow through CVSSD.

The Appellate Division, aligned with defending state interests and litigation, proposes a \$1.8 million Other Fund reduction with 18 positions held vacant. Staff reductions will increase case backlogs and force the division to waive appearances or submit abbreviated briefs, raising the risk of adverse appellate rulings on important questions of criminal and civil law. This would increase the greater likelihood that a serious criminal conviction will be reversed, a dangerous offender will be released, or that a state agency will be saddled with a significant monetary loss by an adverse appellate court decision.

The General Counsel Division, which provides legal counsel to state agencies throughout the state, proposes a \$5.1 million reduction in Other Funds with 22 positions held vacant. In the short term, this will reduce the division's ability to provide timely legal advice to clients, delay administrative hearings, and increase legal risk, which could result in increased expense for state agencies. As a self-funded unit, reduced billings will weaken DOJ's legal fund, which also supports other divisions. Over time, this could lead to cascading impacts across DOJ, reducing legal service staffing and increasing reliance on outside counsel.

The Criminal Justice Division, which works to keep communities safe through our efforts to combat organized crime, like drug trafficking, human trafficking, and labor trafficking, and DA partnerships, proposes a \$1.9 million General Fund and \$0.5 million Other Funds reduction with 13 positions held vacant. Reductions will eliminate key investigative and prosecutorial roles, including those focused on organized retail crime, bias crimes, and environmental violations. Over time, the state's ability to investigate and prosecute serious crimes will be significantly diminished, particularly in smaller counties.

The Civil Enforcement Division, which focuses on protecting consumers, seniors and working families to ensure every Oregonian has a place to turn if they've been wronged, proposes a \$4.7 million reduction in Other Funds and \$0.3 million in Federal Funds, with 5

positions held vacant. Reductions will limit the capacity of the Mortgage Mediation and Civil Recovery sections, reduce funds recovered for other agencies, and strain the Medicaid Fraud Unit. Over time, reduced enforcement capacity will weaken the state's ability to hold violators accountable and jeopardize federal matching funds.

The Division of Child Support, also aligned with child protection and supporting vulnerable families, proposes a \$3.1 million General Fund, \$1.3 million Other Funds, and \$6 million Federal Funds reduction with 6 positions held vacant, which would shift management responsibilities within the Field Services quality assurance team. While this may improve consistency and training, it would significantly hinder the division's ability to implement strategic goals, increase collections, meet federal performance measures, and streamline processes. The increased caseload on remaining staff could delay legal action and reduce payments to families. Additionally, reducing General Fund pass-through to district attorney offices may limit their ability to meet required cost shares, potentially forcing DOJ to absorb their caseloads and staff. Cuts to training, travel, and supplies could leave employees underprepared, increasing inefficiencies and exposing the state to legal risk.

The Child Advocacy and Protection Division, works to protect children and support families, proposes a \$.05 million reduction in Other Funds with 4 positions held vacant. This division protects children through daily court appearances in juvenile dependency hearings, termination of parental rights cases, and by providing legal advice services to Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Child Welfare regarding their legal obligations under state and federal law. Reductions will delay legal actions in juvenile dependency and termination of parental rights cases, increasing the risk that children remain in unsafe environments. Sustained cuts will erode interagency coordination, reduce compliance with federal mandates, and increase tort liability.

On a final note, DOJ plays a critical role in managing legal risk for state agencies by partnering with DAS Risk Management on litigated claims, providing legal counsel, and coordinating defense strategies. DOJ's legal review is especially vital in high-stakes litigation exceeding \$1 million or more such as class actions, civil rights allegations, and other claims. ORS 279A.161 underscores this importance by requiring state agencies to conduct a legal sufficiency review and understand DOJ's legal advice before executing major public contracts, ensuring informed decision-making and risk mitigation. Reducing the staffing at DOJ can significantly hinder this protective function. Delays in legal review, limited capacity to manage rising litigation costs, and reduced oversight of contracts risk can expose agencies to greater liability and financial strain further depleting state resources. Without sufficient DOJ support, agencies may struggle to implement effective risk mitigation strategies, increasing the likelihood of costly legal disputes and undermining public trust. As a state, risk costs have reached unprecedented levels and reducing staff at DOJ may yield some initial Other Funds savings, but the true cost to the state can be far greater.

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In all cases, DOJ sought to preserve core services and statutory mandates while identifying areas where reductions could be absorbed with the least disruption. We remain committed to working with the Legislature to ensure that essential legal services and protections for Oregonians are maintained.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Rayfield', with a stylized, cursive-like flow.

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1	1. 2.5 - ASD-LTR	137	13700-010-00-00000	Legal Tools Replacement Project		2,216,390	-	-	\$ 2,216,390	0	0.00	LTR Reduction of S&S budget due to projected analysis of a 75% surplus
2	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	12 months of Atmosera Savings (Jul 26-Jun 27)		939,530	-	-	\$ 939,530	0	0.00	To support long-term sustainability and cost efficiency, this 12-month funding reduction for hosting the Origin child support system at Atmosera, with a planned transition to State Data Center Services or another cloud provider by Q3 of SFY2026. The shift is expected to maintain service continuity while using Q4 cost savings to offset migration expenses. Timely execution is essential to achieve budget savings while maintaining child support operations.
2	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	12 months of Atmosera Savings (Jul 26-Jun 27)		-	90,922	-	\$ 90,922	0	0.00	
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3	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	DA General Fund 2.5%		63,212	-	-	\$ 63,212	0	0.00	This reduction would reduce the General Fund that is passed through to district attorney offices providing child support services. DA offices will have less funds available to meet their 34% cost share. For counties already facing financial difficulties, the loss could result in the county deciding to stop providing services, resulting in DOJ having to take over their caseload. If they have existing non-attorney employees, the state is obligated to accept them as transfer employees.
4	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Origin Gap Analysis & Readiness Assessment		340,000	-		\$ 340,000	0	0.00	This reduction eliminates the one-time funding (1) to evaluate the current Child Support Technology Services team’s current FTE, knowledge, skill levels to determine readiness for a cloud migration, and (2) to identify the necessary resources and training to support that future migration and cloud infrastructure going forward. The gap analysis and readiness assessment can be completed leveraging the existing InfoTech agreement and using internal resources. If existing staff are identified as needing additional training to prepare for future assignments, there may not be funding available to get them trained.
4	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Origin Gap Analysis & Readiness Assessment		-	-	660,000	\$ 660,000	0	0.00	
5	2. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Division of Child Support		63,212	-	-	\$ 63,212	0	0.00	This reduction would reduce the General Fund that is passed through to district attorney offices providing child support services. DA offices will have less funds available to meet their 34% cost share. For counties already facing financial difficulties, the loss could result in the county deciding to stop providing services, resulting in DOJ having to take over their caseload. If they have existing non-attorney employees, the state is obligated to accept them as transfer employees.
6	1. 2.5 - CED-Mortgage Mediation	137	13700-030-00-00000	Mortgage Mediation Section		-	1,500,000	-	\$ 1,500,000	0	0.00	Reduce Mortgage Mediation Section Other Funds. Professional Services reduction

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7	1. 2.5 - ASD	137	13700-010-00-00000	Operations - utilizing vacant positions	896,986	-	-	\$ 896,986	5	2.75	As part of the Division’s 5% reduction, the Office could eliminate one (1) full-time (1.00 FTE) Internal Auditor position and (1) full-time (1.00 FTE) Fiscal Analyst 2 position. These reductions will result in a reduced ability to conduct internal audits and a reduced ability to manage DOJ’s fiscal affairs. A 5% reduction means the loss of five (5) positions (5.00 FTE). Reductions at this level consist of positions performing HR support, business administration, training, project management, and technology support. The loss of these positions will jeopardize our ability to plan, execute, and report on the Department’s business continuity program. Additionally, we will lose the core functionality of our diversity, equity, and inclusion program. This work would need to be contracted out to DAS. Finally, the loss of our technology support positions will dramatically increase the response time and time to market for technology solutions in both our infrastructure and application teams.	
7	1. 2.5 - ASD	137	13700-010-00-00000	Operations	-	55,550	-	\$ 55,550	2	2.25		
8	2. 2.5 - ASD/Front Office	137	13700-010-00-00000	Operations - utilizing filled positions	-	2,133,696	-	\$ 2,133,696	4	3.00	The Oregon DOJ Honors Attorney Program is a vital pipeline for attracting top legal talent committed to public service, supporting succession planning, and advancing the Attorney General’s strategic priorities. Without funding for all positions, the DOJ risks short-term capacity gaps, missed recruitment opportunities, and equity concerns, while long-term impacts may include weakened institutional knowledge, reduced diversity, and diminished ability to meet future legal challenges. This holds two Honors Attorneys vacant and one other position vacant for 6 months	
9	1. 2.5 - CVSSD	137	13700-045-00-00000	CVSSD	1,134,275	-	-	\$ 1,134,275	0	0.00	To meet reduction targets of general and other fund, CVSSD would reduce the sub-grant awards it provides for certain programs.	
9	1. 2.5 - CVSSD	137	13700-045-00-00000	CVSSD	-	5,008,248	-	\$ 5,008,248	0	0.00		
10	2. 2.5 - CVSSD	137	13700-045-00-00000	CVSSD	1,134,275	-	-	\$ 1,134,275	0	0.00	To meet reduction targets of general and other fund, CVSSD would reduce the sub-grant awards it provides for certain programs.	
10	2. 2.5 - CVSSD	137	13700-045-00-00000	CVSSD	-	1,208,248	-	\$ 1,208,248	0	0.00		

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11	1. 2.5 - CJ	137	13700-040-00-00000	CJ - utilizing filled positions		1,038,095		-	\$ 1,038,095	5	5.00	A 2.5% reduction across each fund would have a significant negative impact on the Criminal Justice Division by substantially reducing the number of cases the Division could investigate and greatly increasing the amount of time it will take to conduct investigations. For our bias crime team, the loss of the assigned investigator would impact not only our ability to investigate and prosecute these cases, it would also reduce our capacity to train local law enforcement and educate the public about these serious crimes. For a program such as the Environmental Crimes and Cultural Resources unit, a reduction of the only investigator assigned to the unit would negatively impact our ability to investigate and pursue these important cases. The loss of both criminal investigators on the Organized Retail Crime team would mean we would no longer do those investigations. Already, the new Organized Retail Crime team has conducted major investigations leading to the prosecution of several offenders. We would also lose the organized crime attorney who not only works with the Organized Retail Theft team but also carries a separate caseload of organized crime and public corruption cases. Losing this position would greatly restrict our ability to investigate and prosecute an array of serious crime that directly impacts Oregonians, including human trafficking, public corruption, and various forms of organized crime.
11	1. 2.5 - CJ	137	13700-040-00-00000	CJ		-	268,345	-	\$ 268,345	2	2.00	
12	2. 2.5 - CJ	137	13700-040-00-00000	CJ - Utilizing vacant positions		-	105,980	-	\$ 105,980	1	1.00	A second 2.5% reduction would be even more crippling. In addition to the impacts above, the Division would significantly reduce the number and types of prosecutions it undertakes. The Division would not be able to provide prosecution support for many cases involving criminal misconduct by public officials, white-collar crimes, sex abuse, officer use of force, and homicides. The loss of the ability to investigate and prosecute those serious crimes would be detrimental to all the counties, particularly the smaller counties that lack the investigative or prosecution resources for complex cases. It would also impact our ability to provide training and advice to prosecutors around the state. The impact on investigations would be the same. The loss of the research analyst position would further limit our ability to provide direct case support and to provide information sharing services to Oregon law enforcement and public safety organizations, and end our capacity to support organized retail crime cases. As a direct service provider to augment law enforcement and prosecutors throughout the state, a loss of resources from the Division's research group would have a significant impact on our ability to provide crucial analytical case support, analysis, and training that is essential to Oregon law enforcement.
12	2. 2.5 - CJ	137	13700-040-00-00000	CJ - utilizing filled positions		883,514	-	-	\$ 883,514	4	4.00	
12	2. 2.5 - CJ	137	13700-040-00-00000	CJ		-	117,642	-	\$ 117,642	1	1.00	

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13	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	ODAA Liaison Contract -30% reduction from Jan 26-Jun 27	46,287	-		\$ 46,287	0	0.00	This reduces funding available for the current ODAA Child Support Liaison by 30% for 18 months of the biennium. The structure of the existing liaison would need to be reviewed and modified. Support being provided to district attorney child support offices by the liaison might be reduced; consultation on child support program policy and procedure on behalf of DA offices might be reduced.
13	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	ODAA Liaison Contract -30% reduction from Jan 26-Jun 27	-	-	89,852	\$ 89,852	0	0.00	
14	2. 2.5 - ASD	137	13700-010-00-00000	ASD - Services & Supplies	-	957,640	-	\$ 957,640	0	0.00	Services & Supplies
15	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	DCS - utilizing vacant positions	176,113			\$ 176,113	1	0.68	Holding this position vacant will require a shift in management responsibilities for a quality assurance team in Field Services that would increase quality and consistency, improve processes and provide targeted training for case managers who work directly with the families we serve. This will impede the division's ability to: (1) implement the division's strategic goals, (2) increase collections, (3) meet federal performance measures, and (4) streamline business processes through data analysis. Holding this position vacant will increase the caseload among other employees, causing delays in legal actions being processed, and possibly reducing payments to families.
15	1. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	DCS - utilizing vacant positions		-	341,867	\$ 341,867	1	0.32	
16	2. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Division of Child Support - utilizing vacant positions	271,727		-	\$ 271,727	1.32	1.32	Holding this position vacant will impede our ability to: a) implement the Division's strategic goals, b) increase collections, c) meet federal performance measures, and d) streamline business processes through data analysis. Holding this position vacant will increase the caseload among other employees, causing delays in legal actions being processed, and possibly reducing payments to families. Holding this position vacant will impede our ability to: a) implement the Division's strategic goals, b) increase collections, c) meet federal performance measures, and d) streamline business processes through data analysis. Holding this position vacant will increase the caseload among other employees, causing delays in legal actions being processed, and possibly reducing payments to families.
16	2. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Division of Child Support - utilizing vacant positions	-	37,697	-	\$ 37,697	0.12	0.12	
16	2. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Division of Child Support - utilizing vacant positions	-	-	600,649	\$ 600,649	3	2.56	
17	2. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Division of Child Support	1,205,000	-	-	\$ 1,205,000	0	0.00	This reduction reduces funds for employee training, travel, and supplies. This may result in employees not having the training and tools necessary to do their jobs, resulting in inefficiencies, and possibly putting DOJ and the state at risk of tort claims.
17	2. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Division of Child Support		1,188,537		\$ 1,188,537	0	0.00	Reduction of Services & Supplies: Office Expenses
17	2. 2.5 - DCS	137	13700-160-00-00000	Division of Child Support	-	-	2,360,283	\$ 2,360,283	0	0.00	This reduction reduces funds for employee training, travel, and supplies. This may result in employees not having the training and tools necessary to do their jobs, resulting in inefficiencies, and possibly putting DOJ and the state at risk of tort claims.

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18	1. 2.5 - CED-Medicaid Fraud Unit	137	13700-030-00-00000	Medicaid Fraud Unit - utilizing vacant positions	-	720,668	-	\$ 720,668	2	1.32	The Medicaid Fraud Unit (MFU) operates on a federal matching grant basis: the federal government funds 75% of the costs of all MFU operations and the state funds the remaining 25% through case settlements and other recoveries.
18	1. 2.5 - CED-Medicaid Fraud Unit	137	13700-030-00-00000	Medicaid Fraud Unit - utilizing vacant positions	-	-	310,509	\$ 310,509	2	1.32	The Medicaid Fraud Unit (MFU) operates on a federal matching grant basis: the federal government funds 75% of the costs of all MFU operations and the state funds the remaining 25% through case settlements and other recoveries.
19	2. 2.5 - CED-Civil Legal Fund	137	13700-030-00-00000	Civil Recovery - utilizing vacant positions	-	2,448,392	-	\$ 2,448,392	2	2.00	Reduce Civil Recovery Section Other Funds with a corresponding reduction in attorney and support staff. It would also limit the number of cases that the section is able to handle. That would have a revenue impact on the state by reducing the monies collected for other agencies. It would also limit the section's ability to obtain injunctive relief, assist with wildfire investigations and cost recovery, protect the state's interest in bankruptcy cases, and protect vulnerable Oregonians in guardianship, conservatorship and civil commitment cases.
20	1. 2.5 - GC	137	13700-050-00-00000	GC - utilizing vacant positions	-	1,517,536	-	\$ 1,517,536	11	11.00	General Counsel is self-funded by the legal billings of the attorneys and staff within the division. The legal billings provided by General Counsel fund DOJ's legal fund, which supports additional divisions within DOJ. Reductions to general counsel would require loss of billing workforce attorney's that would both negatively impact the state customers (other state agencies) DOJ serves adding to their risk from reduced legal services and reduce the revenues from billed activities of General Counsel negatively impacting DOJ operating revenues needed for the legal fund.
20	1. 2.5 - GC	137	13700-050-00-00000	GC - utilizing filled positions	-	1,070,571	-	\$ 1,070,571	5	5.00	
21	2. 2.5 - GC	137	13700-050-00-00000	GC - utilizing vacant positions	-	494,226	-	\$ 494,226	2	2.00	General Counsel is self-funded by the legal billings of the attorneys and staff within the division. The legal billings provided by General Counsel fund DOJ's legal fund, which supports additional divisions within DOJ. Reductions to general counsel would require loss of billing workforce attorney's that would both negatively impact the state customers (other state agencies) DOJ serves adding to their risk from reduced legal services and reduce the revenues from billed activities of General Counsel negatively impacting DOJ operating revenues needed for the legal fund.
21	2. 2.5 - GC	137	13700-050-00-00000	GC - utilizing filled positions	-	1,083,944	-	\$ 1,083,944	4	4.00	
21	2. 2.5 - GC	137	13700-050-00-00000	GC	-	921,805	-	\$ 921,805	0	0.00	

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22	1. 2.5 - Appellate	137	13700-020-00-00000	Appellate - utilizing vacant positions	-	376,992	-	\$ 376,992	4	2.00	<p>A 5% reduction of Other Funds would require the division to eliminate more attorney positions and one more legal secretary position, and to reduce another attorney position to half time.</p> <p>In addition to the effects outlined above, a cut at this level would require waiving appearance in more cases and drafting rudimentary, “bullet” briefs in even more cases. The more cases in which we waive appearance or do not fully brief the legal issues, the greater likelihood that a serious criminal conviction will be reversed, a dangerous offender will be released, or that a state agency will be saddled with a significant monetary loss by an adverse appellate court decision.</p> <p>A 5% cut would probably eliminate our ability to file state’s appeals in all but the most serious of cases. This level of reduction would also probably require drastically curtailing any advice we give to prosecutors or law-enforcement officials.</p> <p>A reduction of 5% General Funds would reduce the agency’s ability to work on Ballot Titles by another 50 hours.</p>
23	1. 2.5 - Appellate	137	13700-020-00-00000	Appellate - utilizing filled positions	-	481,148	-	\$ 481,148	6	1.75	<p>A 5% reduction of Other Funds would require the division to eliminate two more attorney positions and one more legal secretary position, and to reduce another attorney position to half time.</p> <p>In addition to the effects outlined above, a cut at this level would require waiving appearance in more cases and drafting rudimentary, “bullet” briefs in even more cases. The more cases in which we waive appearance or do not fully brief the legal issues, the greater likelihood that a serious criminal conviction will be reversed, a dangerous offender will be released, or that a state agency will be saddled with a significant monetary loss by an adverse appellate court decision.</p> <p>A 5% cut would probably eliminate our ability to file state’s appeals in all but the most serious of cases. This level of reduction would also probably require drastically curtailing any advice we give to prosecutors or law-enforcement officials.</p> <p>A reduction of 5% General Funds would reduce the agency’s ability to work on Ballot Titles by another 50 hours.</p>

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					2025-27 LAB	208,172,010	465,147,780	-	673,319,790			
Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget												
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24	1. 2.5 - CAPD	137	13700-035-00-00000	CAPD - utilizing filled positions	-	582,379	-	\$ 582,379	4	2.00	Reduce Child Advocacy Other Funds with a corresponding reduction in attorney and support staff. This division protects children through daily court appearances in juvenile dependency hearings, termination of parental rights cases, and by providing legal advice services to DHS Child Welfare regarding their legal obligations under state and federal law. Attorney and staff positions prepare for and appear in multiple on-going court hearings to determine safe family reunification or alternative placements for children. This reduction would put vulnerable children at risk of injury or death if they were forced to remain in an abusive family situation or returned to an unsafe situation due to a lack of DOJ staffing to adequately represent ODHS’ position in court related to ensuring child safety. ODHS is required to appear in court in juvenile dependency cases and pursuant to ORS Chapter 180, DOJ Child Advocacy is required to represent them in court in every county across the state. In addition to the impact on child safety, this reduction could have a significant fiscal impact on the state should ODHS lose federal funding match or if the state is subject to tort litigation based on poor outcomes in a particular case. Also, the majority of positions in Child Advocacy are revenue producing and reducing those positions would have an additional negative impact on DOJ revenue.	
25	2. 2.5 - Appellate	137	13700-020-00-00000	Appellate - utilizing filled positions	-	912,117	-	\$ 912,117	8	3.25	A 5% reduction of Other Funds would require the division to eliminate more attorney positions and one more legal secretary position, and to reduce another attorney position to half time. In addition to the effects outlined above, a cut at this level would require waiving appearance in more cases and drafting rudimentary, “bullet” briefs in even more cases. The more cases in which we waive appearance or do not fully brief the legal issues, the greater likelihood that a serious criminal conviction will be reversed, a dangerous offender will be released, or that a state agency will be saddled with a significant monetary loss by an adverse appellate court decision. A 5% cut would probably eliminate our ability to file state’s appeals in all but the most serious of cases. This level of reduction would also probably require drastically curtailing any advice we give to prosecutors or law-enforcement officials. A reduction of 5% General Funds would reduce the agency’s ability to work on Ballot Titles by another 50 hours.	
26	2. 2.5 Agency-wide				158,870			\$ 158,870				
26						306,942		\$ 306,942				
TOTAL					10,567,486	23,589,225	6,363,449	\$ 40,520,160	79	61.64		
Target (5%) Difference					10,408,601	23,257,389						
					158,886	331,836						

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Detail of Programs in the 2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget that have been established or expanded since 2021-23									
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Agency	SCR	Program Establishment / Expansion		Program Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Implementation Status	
		Biennium	Effective Date												Authorization
DOJ	13700-030-00-00000	2025-2027	7/1/2025	HB 5006, SB 960 Section 8	Defense of State Interest (DOSI) - pursuing cases in the defense of state interest matters			8,200,000				\$ 8,200,000	20	18.13	Body of work started in November 2024
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