

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Justice

Protection and Education Account

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Brock Smith

On April 21st, the Public Safety Subcommittee received a report from the Oregon Department of Justice on the Protection and Education Account.

The Department is directed under ORS 180.095 to report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means before April 1st of each odd-numbered year on the Protection and Education Account projected balances for the current and following biennium, the balance held for restitution and refunds, anticipated revenues and expenditures, and any judgement or settlement.

The report suggests anticipated revenues of \$7.6 million for each of the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennia, with projected expenditures specific to restitution estimated at \$600,000. With the traditional approach of keeping four years of working capital in the account, the revenue and expenditure estimates reported put the working capital target at risk beyond 2029. It is important to note that this report communicates a snapshot in time, and new sources of revenue or changes in expenditures may change the trajectory of the ending balance substantively.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.