

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 606 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Establishes Domestic Violence Committee within Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to study and make recommendations on ways to improve criminal justice system response to domestic violence in state.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), Department of Justice (DOJ), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Department of Education (OED), Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), District Attorneys and their Deputies (DAs), Legislative Assembly, federally recognized Indian tribes

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>
General Fund		
Personal Services	711,333	711,333
Services and Supplies	205,933	205,933
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$917,266</b>	<b>\$917,266</b>
Positions	6	6
FTE	3.50	3.50

**Analysis:**

SB 606 establishes the 13-member Domestic Violence Committee within the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) charged with making recommendations to remedy criminal justice system practices that hinder a victim of domestic violence from getting to safety and security, by performing the following tasks:

- Reviewing Oregon’s laws regarding domestic violence and making recommendations to resolve statutory and administrative inconsistencies.
- Advising the Governor, the Legislature, and members of the criminal justice system regarding policies, procedures, and best practices to improve state response to domestic violence.
- Providing training for state agencies regarding the intersection of domestic violence and the services provided by each agency, including identifying domestic violence training requirements of state agencies, conducting initial training, and developing and implementing a plan for ongoing training.
- Increasing public awareness regarding issues relating to domestic violence.
- Preparing and publishing reports on critical domestic violence issues.
- Facilitating the coordination among state organizations, agencies, advisory committees, task forces, boards, and commissions that provide services in response to domestic violence, including developing opportunities for interagency networking and multi-disciplinary approaches to addressing domestic violence.
- Identifying domestic violence technical assistance requirements of state agencies and developing a technical assistance plan.

- Identifying needed supplemental supports for programs that intersect with domestic violence issues, including mental health services, child welfare, housing and homelessness services, criminal and civil justice, and teen dating violence services.

The bill requires the Domestic Violence Committee to meet at least once a month, and to report to the Legislature by September 15th of each even-numbered year. The first report is due by September 15, 2020. The bill does not contain a sunset date.

#### Criminal Justice Commission (CJC)

CJC estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$917,266 General Fund and 6 positions (3.50 FTE) per biennium. The bill requires CJC to provide staffing support for the Committee. CJC reports that the current staffing levels within the agency are insufficient to assign the extensive list of duties required by the bill to existing staff. In order to provide the committee with the support necessary to comply with the provisions of this bill, CJC anticipates the need for the following positions to work with existing staff:

- One full-time Principal Executive Manager E position to serve on the committee and to oversee the work of committee staff.
- One half-time Program Analyst 3 position to work with state organizations and agencies. This position would develop proposed rules and assist in policy research and development.
- One half-time Research Analyst 3 position responsible for supporting the committee's research agenda, including determining methods of data collection and analysis, as well as developing data sharing agreements with other entities who possess relevant data, and establishing useful and meaningful ways to display and communicate data.
- One half-time Program Analyst 4 position to serve as a Trainer, responsible for developing a curriculum to train employees statewide. This position will need to maintain and continuously update the curriculum by attending trainings and keeping abreast of national research and best practices in the field.
- One half-time Public Affairs Specialist 2 position responsible for creating public awareness campaigns and events that would serve to educate the public on the risks and challenges that domestic violence poses to communities; and helping to direct the public to appropriate resources.
- One half-time Administrative Support 2 position to facilitate the clerical and administrative needs of the committee and staff, including managing calendars, scheduling meetings, reserving appropriate venues for meetings, and posting notices for public meetings.

Included in the services and supplies amount is \$87,352 in facilities rental costs. With this increase in staffing, CJC will need additional office space. This amount is a high-level estimate serving as a placeholder until CJC works with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to identify space and actual costs. Funding for these six positions are included in the CJC 2019-21 Governor's Budget.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that a more thorough evaluation of the potential staffing configuration for this committee in relation to ongoing CJC research and committee staff support work will be carried out when this bill is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

#### Legislative Assembly

Members of the committee are entitled to compensation and reimbursement. Two members of the committee will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the two legislative members is \$420 per day. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at \$149 per day, and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.58 per mile. Although the 2019-21 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committees and task forces, if the work required by this commission, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2019-21 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during Legislative Session, Task force or Legislative Days.

This bill is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Oregon Department of Education (OED), the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), District attorneys, and federally recognized Indian tribes. This fiscal analysis assumes that these entities will use existing staff and resources to serve on the committee, and to furnish the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.