

SB 841 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

Action Date: 04/13/21

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-2-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher

Exc: 1 - Heard

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/5, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$1.6 million from the General Fund to Department of Justice for funding of Environmental Crimes and Cultural Resources Enforcement Unit. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examples of court actions by Enforcement Unit
- Process for funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Crimes and Cultural Resources Enforcement Unit of the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) works on civil and criminal litigation over environmental and cultural resources, often in conjunction with the Oregon State Police.

Senate Bill 841 appropriates \$1.6 million from the General Fund to the Environmental Crimes and Cultural Resources Enforcement Unit at DOJ.