



# 2023-25 GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET Department of Justice



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- Administrative gaps
- Future revenue challenges
  - Medicaid Fraud Unit
  - Punitive Damages Account
- Embarking on large-scale IT projects





#### **Department of Justice** Expenditure History + 2023-25 Governor's Budget





Governor's Budget by Agency Program (in millions)





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# Department of Justice Governor's Budget Investments

- Address workload issues in core operations
  - Contracts and Procurement
  - Accounting
  - Human Resources
  - Information Technology
  - Legislative and public relations
- Invest in IT systems
  - Legal Tools Replacement 3.0 project
  - Child Support's Origin framework project to address IRS security requirements





# Department of Justice Governor's Budget Investments (continued)

- Gain legal efficiencies and reduce risk
  - Reduce the need for outsource legal counsel through private firms
  - Paralegals to draft motions and affidavits to maximize attorney time efficiencies
  - Continue legal training for Oregon State Government personnel
- Continue support for crime victims and survivors
  - Continue the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant
  - Support the Human Trafficking Intervention Grant
  - Bias Response Hotline advocate





# Department of Justice Governor's Budget Investments (continued)

- Focus on emerging issues
  - Gun violence prosecutors
  - Strengthen Internet Crimes Against Children unit due to 42% workload increase
  - Increase legal support for Child Welfare cases





## Department of Justice Reductions and Adjustments

- Statewide Adjustments
  - Attorney General Legal Rate = \$278.00/hour
  - Updates to the Department of Administrative Services Price List and State Government Services Charges
- Agency-specific Adjustments
  - Shift anti-poaching prosecutor funding from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to streamline funding
  - Correct a technical issue with position authority from 2021-23
  - Shift Civil Rights Unit positions from the Office of the Attorney General into agency divisions to better align work the work





# Department of Justice Reductions and Adjustments (continued)

- Reductions
  - Reduce Services and Supplies in General Fund divisions 3.5%
  - Increased Vacancy Savings in General Fund divisions
  - Abolish 13 long term vacant positions





# **QUESTIONS?**

