

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 745 - 2**

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Measure Description:

Directs juvenile department to ensure that youth taken into custody receives sex trafficking screening.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Youth Authority, District Attorneys, Judicial Department, Public Defense Services Commission, Department of Human Services, Department of Justice, Statewide, Counties

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 745 - 2 requires county juvenile departments to ensure that youth in custody are screened to determine if they are a victim of sex trafficking, and to immediately report suspected trafficking and ensure youth are referred to appropriate resources, including access to a special advocate, if trafficking is suspected.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), in consultation with the Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), and an existing committee that advises DOJ on delivery of services to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, is to maintain and make available a list of referral resources for county juvenile departments; DOJ is also to develop and provide training on the use of the standardized screening tool to be used by county juvenile departments. The referral list and screening tool and training must be made available by January 1, 2024; and training must be completed by all county juvenile department staff who work directly with youth no later than July 1, 2024. DOJ is also directed to develop a one-hour virtual training on sex trafficking no later than January 1, 2025, which must be completed by all county juvenile department and state agency staff who work with youth at least every two years, with the initial training completed no later than January 1, 2026.

The advisory committee on services to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation is directed to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services no later than December 31, 2025 on the screenings and types of services victims were referred to. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislature adjourns sine die.

This measure is anticipated to have no or minimal impact on almost all state agencies. Of those agencies that likely have the most contact with youth, OYA already has training time built into the schedules of staff that work with youth; and DHS has developed and requires 3.5 hours of training for certain staff on identification and child welfare procedures for young people at risk for or identified as victims of sex trafficking. Counties report a minimal impact, primarily related to staff time for the training provided by DOJ.

DOJ anticipates that there will be an absorbable impact for the agency related to this measure. DOJ has already created a screening tool, and compiling referral resources and legislative reporting can be accomplished using existing staff. DOJ reports that they may need to contract for work related to the virtual training on sex trafficking if they do not have internal technical staff to complete this work; this is estimated to cost \$20,000 to \$40,000 General Fund which can be absorbed using existing resources. A re-prioritization of current law resources would reduce funding dedicated to existing victims of crime/survivor service programs.