

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 900**

Ordered by the Senate March 27  
Including Senate Amendments dated March 27

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP; Senator MANNING JR

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Establishes Task Force on Organized Retail Theft. Directs task force to review existing issues of organized retail theft to determine changes to laws or policies to address issues or reduce organized retail theft. Sunsets on December 31, 2024.]*

*[Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.]*

**Establishes Organized Retail Theft Grant Program. Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to administer program. Appropriates moneys to commission for purposes of program.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to organized retail theft.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Organized Retail Theft Grant Program is established to assist:**

5 (a) **Cities and counties with the costs incurred by local law enforcement agencies in ad-**  
6 **dresssing organized retail theft;**

7 (b) **The Department of State Police with costs incurred by the department in addressing**  
8 **organized retail theft; and**

9 (c) **Community-based organizations in addressing organized retail theft.**

10 (2) **The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall administer the grant program de-**  
11 **scribed in subsection (1) of this section and shall award the grants described in this section.**

12 (3) **The commission shall adopt rules to administer the grant program. Rules adopted**  
13 **under this section must include:**

14 (a) **A methodology for reviewing and approving grant applications and awarding grants;**  
15 **and**

16 (b) **A process for evaluating the efficacy of programs and services funded by the grant**  
17 **program.**

18 (4) **Moneys distributed to grant recipients under this section must be spent on costs as-**  
19 **sociated with addressing and prosecuting organized retail theft.**

20 (5) **The commission shall establish three categories of grants under this section as fol-**  
21 **lows:**

22 (a) **Grants awarded, on a competitive basis, to cities and counties;**

23 (b) **Grants awarded, on a competitive basis, to community-based organizations; and**

24 (c) **Grants awarded to the department.**

25 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **ated to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,**  
2 **out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000, for the purposes of the grant program**  
3 **described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

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