

HB 4123 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/08/24

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Andersen, Bynum, Chaichi, Conrad, Kropf, Lewis, Reynolds, Tran, Wallan, Yunker

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. Funds are for the Sexual Assault Task Force's costs of managing the Oregon Sexual Assault Examiner/ Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Certification Commission. These costs include outreach, training, technical assistance, establishing competencies and standards, membership oversight, and multidisciplinary work with entities such as law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and community-based victim services organizations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Responsibilities of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs)
- Need for more SANEs, especially in rural areas
- Specialized training for SANEs
- Impact on victims of abuse

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF) manages the Sexual Assault Examiner (SAE) and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Certification Commission, which performs tasks and makes recommendations to the SATF for the training, qualifications, and certification of registered nurses, physicians, and physician assistants who provide sexual assault medical forensic examinations in Oregon and receive compensation through the Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund. The SAE/SANE Certification Commission also identifies, updates, and publicizes best practices in sexual assault examinations, performs random chart reviews to ensure compliance with standards, and takes action to suspend certification when warranted. (See Oregon Administrative Rule [137-084-0500](#).) The Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund pays only for eligible medical and counseling services.