

SB 960 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure appropriates \$10,000,000 to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to fund the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 900 (2023), the purpose of the Organized Retail Theft (ORT) Grant Program is to lend financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies, the Oregon State Police, and community-based organizations in addressing and prosecuting organized retail theft, as defined in ORS 164.098.

The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) administers the ORT program and prioritizes grants to agencies and organizations that demonstrate the following:

- Ability to address organized retail theft that places employees and/or the public at risk of injury.
- Ability to identify and address organized retail theft rings.
- Ability to identify and address individuals or groups who have committed or are at risk of committing organized retail theft.
- Evidence of collaboration with retailers or law enforcement agencies.
- Operations designed to have a regional or statewide beneficial effect.

Funds awarded under the ORT program must be spent on addressing and prosecuting organized retail theft.