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Bill Title: Relating to victims.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Justice, Judicial Department, District Attorneys

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure makes 50% of awards of restitution ordered to an insurance carrier to be paid to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for purposes of funding victim services. An insurance carrier is allowed to direct the District Attorney (DA) to not seek restitution for damages incurred by making known their intent to sue and recover damages in a civil action. If the insurance carrier does not direct the DA not to seek restitution, then the insurance carrier agrees that 50% of restitution awards ordered to the insurance carrier will be paid to DOJ. These changes apply to judgements entered on or after the effective date of this measure.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact to DOJ is indeterminate and dependent on the amount of revenue paid to the Department. The amount of revenue will depend on the number of cases filed by the DA on the behalf of insurance carriers and the amount of restitution they are awarded, half of which would be paid to DOJ presumably within their Crime Victims Survivors and Services Division (CVSSD). However, the measure is silent on which account the revenue will be deposited to and what types of victim's services will be provided. Additionally, DOJ will need to have an increase in its Other Funds expenditure limitations to disperse the funds it receives for these services.

There is a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Judicial Department and no fiscal impact on the District Attorneys.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.