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Bill Title: Relating to missing persons.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Counties, Cities, Department of State Police

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of State Police	\$ 265,154	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265,154	1	0.75
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 265,154	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265,154	1	0.75
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of State Police	\$ 25,920	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,920	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 25,920	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,920	-	-

Measure Description

The measure requires the Department of State Police (OSP) to establish the State Initiated Guidance for Notifying and Assisting the Lost (SIGNAL) program to allow OSP, county sheriffs, and participating municipal police department to exchange messages between a missing individual and the parent or former guardian of the missing individual. The Department is required to:

- maintain a link on any missing persons website maintained by OSP that enables a parent or former guardian to submit, via text or voice, a message addressed to the missing individual;
- attach messages submitted to the corresponding missing individual's report maintained by OSP so the message can be accessed by the recipient;
- create personal identification numbers accessible by OSP, county sheriffs, and participating municipal police departments for each message; and
- maintain an automated telephone line that receives calls from missing individuals and securely disseminates them to the missing family members message and any response shall be transmitted to the parent or former guardian.

Additionally, the measure sets requirements regarding the destruction of information and materials related to missing persons when a missing person is discovered to be living.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$265,154 General Fund and one limited duration position (0.75 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium and \$25,920 General Fund in the 2027-29 biennium.

Currently OSP maintains the Oregon Missing Persons website, which has various resources and features missing persons and directs people to report a missing person to their local law enforcement jurisdiction in the area the

person is missing from. In order to meet the requirements of the measure, OSP would need to create a secure public-facing service for parents or guardians to contact those missing family members. The Department estimates the need for a limited duration Information Systems Specialist 7 position (0.75 FTE in 2025-27) to develop and implement the program's technical components. The estimated cost of this position, including position-related services and supply costs, is \$239,234 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. Additionally, OSP anticipates the need of ongoing data storage costs with the State Data Center at a cost of \$25,920 for the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennium.

There is a minimal fiscal impact on counties and cities.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.