

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Broadman

On April 21st, the Public Safety Subcommittee received a report from the Oregon Department of Justice on the Internet Crimes Against Children program.

As a part of additional investments in the program, the Department was directed under SB 5701 in the 2024 session to provide performance reporting on historic comparisons of cybertip data received by category, number of resulting investigations by the Department, number of referrals to affiliates and how many were investigated, and the number of related arrests.

The report identified that amidst a tripling of incoming cybertips from 2020 through 2024, the months-long backlog has been eliminated and the number of statewide investigations has increased by 24%. Referrals also increased and the number of arrests increased by over 50% after the new funding and positions were added. Finally, the Department reports that training continues and new mentoring programs to affiliate agencies and educational programs to schools are focused on teaching students the dangers of online threats.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.