

HB 2456 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Mannix

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/17/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Andersen, Chaichi, Chotzen, Kropf, Lewis, Mannix, Wallan

Exc: 1 - Tran

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends definitions related to the Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund (SAVE). Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to adopt a rule that establishes a timeframe within which a victim must obtain a medical assessment to have the cost covered by SAVE. Requires the DOJ to establish rules relating to the payment of bills submitted to SAVE and to determine which medical services are covered. Specifies that medical assessments for strangulation will be compensated under ORS 147.035.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Flexibility in timeframe for medical assessments
- Use of Oregon Health Plan instead of SAVE Fund
- Community care organization programs for sexual assault victims

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Restores that a provider may not bill the victim's insurance carrier for a medical assessment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law establishes the Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund (SAVE Fund) under ORS 147.395 and ORS 147.397 to cover the cost of medical assessments for sexual assault victims. Current law sets specific timeframes for eligibility and outlines which medical services qualify for reimbursement.

House Bill 2456 amends definitions related to the SAVE Fund and grants the Department of Justice (DOJ) rulemaking authority to establish a timeframe for obtaining a medical assessment, determine covered medical services, and set payment rules. The bill also specifies that medical assessments for strangulation will be compensated under ORS 147.035, which governs the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account, rather than the SAVE Fund.