

## SB 938 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Judiciary

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**Action Date:** 02/27/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

**Vote:** 6-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Broadman, Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, McLane, Prozanski, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/20, 2/27

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to award grant funds to a statewide coalition that does not directly provide restorative justice programs but assists or supports other potential grant recipients in applying for restorative justice program grants administered by the CJC. The measure establishes the Restorative Justice Grant Program Account and continuously appropriates moneys in the account to the CJC for the grant program. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How restorative justice programs function
- Provisions of measure

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Makes technical changes.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2204, which created the Restorative Justice Grant Program. The purpose of the Restorative Justice Grant Program is to provide public and private entities with financial support for restorative justice programs. A restorative justice program is defined in OAR 213-040-0030(8) as a community-based alternative to the criminal and juvenile legal systems that aims to center the needs of the harmed party and foster accountability within the responsible party without resorting to incarceration or criminal conviction.

Senate Bill 938 A extends eligibility for grant funds to a statewide coalition that does not directly provide restorative justice program and establishes the Restorative Justice Grant Program Account for grant moneys.