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Bill Title: Relating to retail theft.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Justice, Department of State Police, Criminal Justice Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

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

Measure Description

The measure changes the eligible grant recipients for the Oregon Retail Theft Grant Program which is administered by the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to remove the Department of State Police and community-based organizations as eligible recipients and adding the Department of Justice. The Commission is also required to submit a report on the program to the Legislative Assembly related to judiciary by September 1, 2027.

The Organized Retail Theft Grant Program was established by SB 900 (2023) with the intention to disrupt, deter, and reduce organized retail theft by identifying and addressing fencing networks and tackling organized retail theft that places employees and/or the public at risk of physical injury. One-time funding of \$5 million General Fund was appropriated to CJC for the grants and for a full-time limited-duration Program Analyst 3 position (0.75 FTE) to develop and implement the program. Since the establishment of the program, CJC has received and awarded 18 grant requests to applicants for one-year projects, totaling \$4.8 million General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. Funding provided in 2023-25 was one-time and no additional funding is included in the Commission's 2025-27 current service level budget. CJC anticipates the need to continue the existing limited duration position as a full-time Program Analyst 3 position (1.00 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium to support this measure. However, the level of administration would be dependent on if any additional grant funding were to be approved for the program.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Justice and no fiscal impact to the Department of State Police.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The provision regarding the reporting requirement of the Commission is repealed on January 2, 2028.