

# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 275

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act makes changes to the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program and tells the CJC to report on the program. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.9).**

*[Digest: The Act tells the DOJ to do a study. (Flesch Readability Score: 100.0).]*

*[Directs the Department of Justice to study ways to address retail theft, and to provide the results of the study to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31, 2026.]*

*[Sunsets January 2, 2027.]*

**Modifies the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program. Provides that cities, counties and the Department of Justice are eligible to receive grants.**

**Directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to submit a report on the program to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary by September 1, 2027.**

**Declares an emergency, effective on passage.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to retail theft; creating new provisions; amending ORS 137.686; and declaring an emer-  
3 gency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 137.686 is amended to read:

6 137.686. (1) The Organized Retail Theft Grant Program is established to assist:

7 (a) Cities and counties with the costs incurred by local law enforcement agencies in addressing  
8 organized retail theft; **and**

9 (b) The Department of [*State Police*] **Justice** with costs incurred by the department in addressing  
10 organized retail theft[; *and*].

11 [*(c) Community-based organizations in addressing organized retail theft.*]

12 (2) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall administer the grant program described in  
13 subsection (1) of this section and shall award the grants described in this section.

14 [*(3) The commission shall adopt rules to administer the grant program. Rules adopted under this*  
15 *section must include:*]

16 [*(a) A methodology for reviewing and approving grant applications and awarding grants; and*]

17 [*(b) A process for evaluating the efficacy of programs and services funded by the grant program.*]

18 [(4)] **(3)** Moneys distributed to grant recipients under this section must be spent on costs asso-  
19 ciated with addressing and prosecuting organized retail theft **and may be used for the purchase**  
20 **of equipment.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1        [(5)] (4) The commission shall establish [*three*] **two** categories of grants under this section as  
2 follows:

3        (a) Grants awarded, on a competitive basis, to cities and counties; **and**

4        [*(b) Grants awarded, on a competitive basis, to community-based organizations; and*]

5        [*(c) Grants awarded to the department.*]

6        **(b) Grants awarded to the Department of Justice.**

7        **(5) As used in this section, “equipment” means any item used by peace officers, deputy**  
8 **district attorneys or retail asset protection investigators in detecting, investigating, docu-**  
9 **menting or adjudicating organized retail theft activities.**

10        **SECTION 2. The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall provide a report on the Or-**  
11 **ganized Retail Theft Grant Program established by ORS 137.686, in the manner provided by**  
12 **ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary**  
13 **no later than September 1, 2027.**

14        **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

15        **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
17 **on its passage.**

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