

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 275

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

April 14

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “theft” insert “; creating new provisions; amending ORS
2 137.686; and declaring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 137.686 is amended to read:

5 “137.686. (1) The Organized Retail Theft Grant Program is established to assist:

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

8 “(b) The Department of [*State Police*] **Justice** with costs incurred by the department in ad-
9 dressing organized retail theft[; *and*].

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 “[*(5)*] **(4)** The commission shall establish [*three*] **two** categories of grants under this section as
22 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

30 “**SECTION 2.** The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall provide a report on the
31 **Organized Retail Theft Grant Program established by ORS 137.686, in the manner provided**
32 **by ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judici-**
33 **ary no later than September 1, 2027.**

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

35 “**SECTION 4.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.”.**

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