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**I STRONGLY OPPOSE SPENDITURES THAT ARE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN EXISTING LEVELS**

There is a 27% reductions in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants in Oregon. However, the DOJ says they do not anticipate reducing existing VOCA-funded executed grants, meaning that if you currently have a grant, you can anticipate the full amount of funding awarded will be available.

The federally funded Victims of Crime Act program was evidently tripled (3X) during recent years. HB 3196 appropriates Oregon taxpayers money to backfill reductions is not necessary to maintain the current program. While the legislature is looking for funds to maintain existing programs, it is not responsible to add programs when not needed.