

ESSB 5693 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2871.1/22) **1189**

By Representative Orwall

WITHDRAWN 02/26/2022

1 On page 350, line 26, increase the general fund-state
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2023 by \$250,000

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4 On page 351, line 22, correct the total.

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6 On page 360, after line 23, insert the following:

7 "(33)(a) \$250,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for
8 fiscal year 2023 is provided solely for the department of labor and
9 industries-crime victims compensation program to establish a program
10 for counseling services for victims of sexual assault whose sexual
11 assault kits were in the statewide testing backlog.

12 (b) To be eligible for benefits under the program established in
13 this subsection, the victim of sexual assault must have undergone a
14 forensic examination prior to July 24, 2015, and the sexual assault
15 kit collected during the forensic examination must have been tested
16 on or after July 24, 2015. Any other eligibility requirements and
17 restrictions under chapter 7.68 RCW do not apply for the purposes of
18 the program under this subsection.

19 (c) Any victim eligible for benefits under the program may
20 receive up to six counseling sessions in the twelve months following
21 his or her application for benefits. Fees for such counseling must
22 be determined by the department. Benefits under this program are not
23 subject to the requirements in RCW 7.68.130. Costs may be billed or
24 charged by the provider or facility to the department, and such
25 costs must be paid by the department pursuant to chapter 7.68 RCW.
26 Otherwise, the department shall reimburse the victim for any costs
27 charged directly to him or her by the provider or facility."

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Labor and Industries-Crime Victims Compensation Program to establish a program for counseling services for victims of sexual assault whose sexual assault kits were in the statewide testing backlog. Provides that a victim of sexual assault must have undergone a forensic examination prior to July 24, 2015, and their sexual assault kit that was collected during the forensic examination must have been tested on or after July 24, 2015. States that victims eligible for benefits under the counseling services program are eligible for up to 6 counseling sessions in the 12 months following their application for benefits. Requires that costs that are billed by the provider must be paid by the department.

FISCAL IMPACT: Increases General Fund-State by \$250,000.

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