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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the name of the Criminal History Registry to the Central Background Registry. Permits a metropolitan service district to enter into a relationship with the childcare division for the purpose of requiring district employees to be enrolled in the Criminal History Registry. Provides for the full recovery of the cost of participation in the agreement by childcare division from the metropolitan service agreement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Connotations of “criminal” terminology
- Ability to recover costs for services contracted by metropolitan agencies
- Expanding organization’s ability to keep children safe

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Permits a metropolitan service district to enter into a relationship with the childcare division for the purpose of requiring district employees to be enrolled in the Criminal History Registry. Provides for the full recovery of the cost of participation in the agreement by childcare division from the metropolitan service agreement.

BACKGROUND: Individuals who must be enrolled in the Child Care Division’s (CCD) Criminal History Registry include:

- Operators and employees of regulated child care programs;
- Operators or employees of Oregon pre-kindergarten or parent as teacher programs;
- Operators or employees of federal Head Start programs;
- Individuals in child care facilities who may have unsupervised contact with children; and
- Contractors or employees of contractors who provide early childhood special education or early intervention services.

To be eligible for inclusion in the CCD’s Criminal History Registry, individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes or have a founded case of child abuse are subject to a suitability determination. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that an individual's criminal history and child protective services records are checked prior to the individual assuming a job in the above settings. An employer who wants to hire an individual to work, live or frequently visit in one of these types of businesses must verify with CCD that the potential employee, resident or visitor is enrolled in the Registry. Enrollment in the registry requires completion of an application for enrollment, payment of processing fees and a determination of suitability for the registry.

Metropolitan service districts utilizing enrollment in the Criminal History Registry will do so by entering into contracts that allow CCD and other state agencies to recoup the cost of the application process, administration and any litigation costs created by the agency’s determination of suitability.

The name change to the Central Background Registry is the Child Care Division’s response to eliminate confusion and negative connotations associated with the term “Criminal” in the Criminal History Registry.

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