75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2217 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: CONSENT

House Committee on Sustainability & Economic Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bailey, Bentz, Galizio, Gilliam, Holvey, Thatcher, Witt, Read

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Amends statute defining "subject individuals" for purposes of criminal background checks for all departments within the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to include the authority to conduct criminal records checks on persons applying for Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center jobs. Makes the amendments effective on the effective day of the act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number and types of criminal background checks done by OPRD each year including temporary employees working for the Oregon State Fair
- Importance of using one template to cover all new hires

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In the 2005 legislative session HB 2157 was enacted which governed all state agencies' authority to perform criminal records checks on subject individuals and provided a unique criteria agency by agency. In that same session, HB 3502 transferred the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). This measure allows OPRD to uniformly apply subject worker criteria consistently regardless of the different subdivision of the agency by adding definitions of employees unique to the State Fair.