

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Wingard, VanOrman, Roblan, Gilliam, Schaufler, Krieger, Clem

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands the authority of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department to require fingerprints of employees and those who provide services or volunteer to the department, in certain circumstances, for the purpose of requesting a state or federal criminal records check. Applies existing finger printing provisions to persons who reside on property managed by the department; have access to information which is confidential or the disclosure of which is prohibited by state or federal laws; handle money, property, mail, audits, have access to social security numbers, dates of birth, or criminal background information of employees or members of the public; or have access to tax or financial information about individuals or business entities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Problems with confidentiality of fingerprints, social security numbers, dates of birth and storage of same in public agency records, and the destruction of the same, particularly electronic
- Applicability of provisions to families of those residing on agency lands

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2005 Legislature passed HB 2157 allowing for nationwide criminal records checks under ORS 181.534. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking authority to implement this requirement in certain circumstances, which will bring the agency concurrent with other state agencies and the 2005 legislation.