

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Prozanski  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Whitsett  
**Prepared By:** Lisa Nuss, Counsel  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Broadens the authority of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to require fingerprinting for purposes of criminal records checks to persons who reside on property managed by the department; have access to confidential information; handle money, property, mail, or 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:**

- FBI requires statute authority for these background checks
- Department is modeling its statutes after the Department of Consumer and Business Services
- Department not aware of problems but wants to be able to protect customers and employees

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Current law allows agencies to request that the Department of State Police conduct a criminal records check for non-criminal justice purposes (ORS 181.534). ORS 496.121 allows the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to require fingerprints for that records check from specified employees, contractors and other persons. This bill gives the department additional authority to request fingerprints from the categories of persons listed above.