

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

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

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure  
**Vote:** 3 - 2 - 0  
**Yeas:** Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette  
**Nays:** Kruse, Telfer  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Child Care Division (CCD) of the Employment Department to establish rules and registration procedures for “school age recorded programs” and defines those programs. Requires defined programs to register with CCD and perform criminal background checks for all staff and volunteers. Eliminates requirement that operators and employees be enrolled in the Criminal History Registry. Requires CCD to establish a database of recorded programs. Requires notification of parents and posting of information regarding program status.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Necessity and effect of background history checks
- Intent of measure
- Licensed versus recorded programs
- Exempted programs under measure

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

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of House Bill 2987-A is to promote registration of school age recorded child care programs for three purposes:

- To record and track the numbers and types of programs providing caretaking services to Oregon youth;
- To ensure that such programs provide background checks to employees without the more stringent requirements of registered or certified childcare programs; and
- To ensure that parents have information and understand the limitations on the programs they are using for childcare.

Members of the Oregon Commission on Child Care participated in town hall meetings in communities around the state, conducted an on-line survey and met with representatives of various programs like Boys and Girls Club and YMCA. House Bill 2987-A is intended to ensure that community programs that provide a free or low-cost alternative to after-school care are meeting the minimum safety standard of background checks without forcing these programs to meet the more stringent requirements of certified or registered childcare programs that might result in program closure. The measure specifically exempts group athletic or social activities sponsored by or under the supervision of an organized club or hobby group.

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