

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

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

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Read, Roblan
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Jenson, Nolan
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jerry Watson, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/13, 5/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies definition of “child care facility” in ORS 657A.250 by providing an express, but limited, exclusion for a “preschool recorded program.” Defines preschool recorded program to mean a facility providing care for preschool children that is primarily educational and where no child is present at the facility for more than four hours per day. Requires person operating a preschool recorded program to “record” the program with the Child Care Division of the Employment Department and pay recording fee. Directs Child Care Division to issue a record if applicant meets the requirements of ORS 657A.250 to 657A.450 and specified administrative rules. Requires person operating a preschool recorded program to perform criminal background checks for all staff and volunteers. Adds operator of a preschool recorded program to list of mandatory child abuse reporters.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of criminal background checks for persons working with preschool-age children
- Fiscal impact of proposal

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The Child Care Division licenses approximately 1000 Certified Child Care Centers and 350 Certified Family Child Care Homes and 4000 Registered Family Child Care Homes through a process that includes a criminal history background check of all individuals that work or are associated with the facility, and additional requirements. All licensed child care facilities are required to pass an inspection prior to licensure. Certified facilities are also required to have approval from a Health Department Environmental Health Specialist and a fire marshal in addition to the inspection prior to licensure by CCD. Division licensing staff conduct annual announced and unannounced visits to licensed child care facilities.

Proponents of House Bill 3487-A assert that there is a need for greater oversight of facilities providing child care serves to preschool-age children.