

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits Department of Education (Department) to require fingerprints in order to conduct criminal records check for potential employees, contractors or volunteers who will have unsupervised access to children or access to confidential information. Prohibits Department from adopting rules related to criminal records checks without prior notice, hearing or upon an abbreviated notice and hearing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure is permissive
- Provides statutory authority for current practice

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Many Department of Education employees, vendors and volunteers have unsupervised access to children or confidential personal information about children. The Department currently has the authority to conduct criminal background checks, including requiring fingerprints, under Executive Order #08-17. Senate Bill 66A provides this authority in statute.