

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/9, 2/23, 3/18, 3/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Director of the Veterans' Affairs to require fingerprints of certain specified persons for the purposes of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check. Applies to persons seeking employment with the Department, persons promoted within the Department or persons transferred within the Department if these persons: a) Have control over, or access to, information technology that would allow the person to harm the system; (b) Have access to information that state or federal law prohibits disclosure of; (c) Are responsible for payroll, billing, collection of funds, purchasing or selling property; (d) Have access to the mailroom; (e) Are responsible for auditing; (f) Are responsible for human resources duties; (g) Have access to social security numbers, other personal information, and tax or other financial information. Applies to persons who are vendors, contractors, or volunteers for the Department if they have access to the information listed above. Clarifies bill pertains only to future employees and those who are transferred into positions with access to sensitive information. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Emergency clause
- Volunteers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies bill pertains only to future employees and those who are transferred into positions with access to sensitive information. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Veterans' Affairs lacks the power to request from its employees, contractors, and volunteers fingerprints in order to verify whether or not these individuals have, or do not have a criminal record.