75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal 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

Prepared By: Anna Braun, Counsel

Meeting Dates: 2/3, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands authority for the Employment Department and Department of Human Services to require fingerprint criminal background checks for individuals providing or seeking to provide services as a contractor, subcontractor, vendor or volunteer. Limits the criminal background check requirement to those workers who have access to sensitive information or who provide care.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 157 A

Sen. Boquist

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possible disincentive for volunteers
- Destruction of fingerprints after process complete

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits the criminal background checks to those workers who have access to sensitive information who or provide care.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the Department of Human Services and the Employment Department have the authority to require fingerprints of a person for the purpose of a national criminal records check for employment purposes. Senate Bill 157A expands that authority to include contractors, subcontractors, vendors and volunteers.