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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires home health agencies to complete a criminal records check on any individual paid by the agency to provide home health services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of background checks
- Types of health services provided by home health agencies
- Frequency with which criminal checks would ideally be conducted

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Elderly adults and adults with developmental disabilities in long-term care facilities are vulnerable to abuse. The Department of Human Services serves over 15,000 seniors and people with physical disabilities each month in nursing facilities and community-based care facilities. More than 5,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities are in foster care or residential facilities. To improve quality of care, proponents have identified a need for better information on potential employees as well as greater consistency in training and investigations in this area. ORS 443.004(1) requires long-term health providers, residential care facilities and other care institutions to conduct criminal background checks on potential employees. House Bill 2650 A requires home health agencies and in-home care agencies to complete a criminal records check on any individual paid to provide health services. The Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority will continue to complete criminal checks on employees of residential facilities, adult foster homes, any individual paid with public funds who will have contact with a resident of an adult foster care home or residential facility, and a home care worker registering with the Home Care Commission.

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