

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Garrett, Hicks, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes the sunset from HB 2207 of the 2009 session so that after January 1, 2014, metropolitan service districts must use the Criminal History Registry of the Child Care Division of the Oregon Employment Department to do background checks on employees and volunteers who have or will have unsupervised contact with children.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Metro pays all costs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In the 2009 session, the Legislative Assembly enacted HB 2207, a bill that permitted a metropolitan service district to enter into a relationship with the Child Care Division of the Employment Department for the purpose of requiring district employees to be enrolled in the Criminal History Registry. The bill also allowed Division to recoup costs from the metropolitan service district. This provision sunsets on January 1, 2014.

This bill allows, among other organizations, the Oregon Zoo to do background checks on volunteers and employees who probably will come in contact with children. It did so by requiring employees or volunteers who may have unsupervised contact with children to enroll in the criminal history registry. Each year over 4000 children enroll in Zoo-operated educational programs.