

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
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Yeas: Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Department of Education to require background check of a person who is community college faculty member providing instruction as part of early childhood education program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Broad existing requirement under current law that Department of Education conduct background checks for education personnel
- Closure of loophole specific to pre-kindergarten community college sites, such as Oregon Head Start Pre-Kindergarten
- Requested by Department of Education

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 326.603 generally requires state or national criminal background checks on all education personnel who are not licensed by the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission. ORS 326.603 is currently limited to, “community college faculty providing instruction” at a kindergarten through grade 12 site. Some community college facilities offer pre-kindergarten services. Senate Bill 104 extends the existing K-12 background check requirement to community college pre-kindergarten programs.