

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Gallegos, Gelsler, Gilliam, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Olson, Whisnant, Whitsett, Tomei

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/20, 2/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits state agencies and/or Native American tribes or agencies of Native American tribe responsible for the welfare of children to request criminal records checks for the purpose of foster care licensure, certification or registration.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Nin federally-registered Native American tribes in Oregon
- Senate Bill 770 (2001)
- Authorization of tribes to run criminal background checks

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Native American families have experienced disproportionate representation within the state foster care system. House Bill 2053 would partner with the state to enable Native American tribes to conduct background checks on potential foster care families and relative caregivers.