77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2781 CARRIER: Rep. Gelser

House Committee on Human Services and Housing

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 8 - 1 - 0

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

Nays: Gilliam Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/8, 4/10, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires international matchmaking organization doing business in state to provide client personal history and criminal record along with information about basic rights, to non-citizens, non-resident recruits. Makes violation punishable by maximum one-year imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Permits action for damages within two years of violation or discovery of violation. Authorizes court to award attorney fees in certain circumstances.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ensuring availability of basic, accurate records/information
- International Marriage Broker Regulation Act of 2005

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Over the last decade, several states have considered safety and security issues involving international matchmaking organizations. House Bill 2781 requires international matchmaking organizations conducting business in Oregon to provide criminal history and other personal information about clients, along with information about basic rights, to non-citizens, non-resident recruits, with potential civil and criminal consequences for noncompliance.