

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Close  
**Prepared By:** Bill Taylor, Counsel  
**Meeting Dates:** 4/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows a Native American tribe to request from the Oregon State Police (State Police) a criminal background check on a person who is seeking to be certified by the tribe to provide foster care services. For the purposes of a criminal background check, permits the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority or the Employment Division to require the fingerprints of a person that a Native American tribe would like to certify for foster care services.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Safety of children in foster care
- Government to government

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Native American tribes in Oregon may request background checks from the State Police on persons who provide services tribal gaming, law enforcement or child care. This bill would clarify that a tribe could request this information for person seeking to be foster parents for tribal children.

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.