B-Engrossed House Bill 3025

Ordered by the Senate June 9 Including House Amendments dated April 24 and Senate Amendments dated June 9

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR (at the request of Oregon AFL-CIO and the Urban League of Portland)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Establishes unlawful [employment] practice of inquiring into or considering applicant's conviction history on application form or prior to interview or, if no interview is conducted, prior to conditional offer of employment. Creates exceptions. [Creates right of civil action for violation.]

Authorizes Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries to enforce Act.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to use of information related to certain criminal matters.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) It is an unlawful practice for an employer to exclude an applicant from an initial interview solely because of a past criminal conviction.
 - (2) An employer excludes an applicant from an initial interview if the employer:
 - (a) Requires an applicant to disclose on an employment application a criminal conviction;
 - (b) Requires an applicant to disclose, prior to an initial interview, a criminal conviction; or
 - (c) If no interview is conducted, requires an applicant to disclose, prior to making a conditional offer of employment, a criminal conviction.
 - (3) Subject to subsections (1) and (2) of this section, nothing in this section prevents an employer from considering an applicant's conviction history when making a hiring decision.
 - (4) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply:
 - (a) If federal, state or local law, including corresponding rules and regulations, requires the consideration of an applicant's criminal history;
 - (b) To an employer that is a law enforcement agency;
 - (c) To an employer in the criminal justice system; or
 - (d) To an employer seeking a nonemployee volunteer.
 - SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is subject to enforcement by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries as provided in ORS 659A.820 to 659A.865.

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