

SB 104 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies provisions for Department of Human Services' criminal background check registry for persons who work or seek to work in providing care to children, elderly or persons with disabilities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Inclusion of developmental disability and mental health adult foster homes on criminal background checks
- Reductions of inefficiencies such as reducing redundant background checks
- Statistics on staff and volunteer background checks
- Portability of information from the Long Term Care Registry

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires criminal background checks to be conducted on workers at long term care facilities, residential facilities, and certain adult foster homes regulated by the Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS is also required to maintain a regularly updated registry of all current and potential care workers. According to DHS, inclusion on the registry streamlines the hiring process for care workers by reducing the cost and time necessary to perform background checks for new hires and internal job changes. Current law does not include workers at adult foster homes that care for persons with developmental disabilities or mental illnesses in the registry.

Senate Bill 104 clarifies provisions in statute for Department of Human Services' criminal background check registry for persons who work or seek to work in providing care to children, elderly or persons with disabilities within the DHS' criminal background check registry. This includes workers for adult foster homes providing care to developmentally disabled persons and mentally disabled persons within DHS' criminal background check registry .