

SB 104 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands facilities that submit information to Department of Human Services' background check registry. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires 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 required background checks for new hires and internal job changes. Current law excludes developmental disability and mental health adult foster homes from inclusion in the registry.

Senate Bill 104 includes adult foster homes providing care to developmentally disabled persons and mentally disabled persons in the DHS background check registry.