

SB 12 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

Action Date: 03/13/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - DeBoer, Hass, Prozanski, Riley, Thatcher
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Business Development Department to require fingerprints for purpose of checking criminal history nationwide, from applicants, employees, contractors, vendors, interns and volunteers working in information technology, financial transactions or accounting, mailroom personnel, auditing personnel and those with access to personal identifying information, financial information or information required by law to be kept confidential.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) currently relies on Executive Order 11-03 to obtain background checks on applicants and employees who have access to sensitive information, but the background check is limited to violations of Oregon law. To obtain a background check that includes violations of other states' and federal laws, OBDD needs to enter into an agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the FBI requires specific statutory authority.

Senate Bill 12 authorizes OBDD to require fingerprints from applicants and others with access to sensitive information, the same as other state agencies, in order to check for criminal history nationwide.