

SB 104 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 03/27/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Portability of background checks for professionals included on registry
- Professions included and not included in the background check registry
- Record keeping and effect of substantiated abuse reports on background checks

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 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 includes workers for adult foster homes providing care to developmentally disabled persons and mentally disabled persons in the DHS background check registry.