

SB 1519 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies certain convictions that may not be considered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in conducting fitness determinations. Prohibits DHS or OHA from conducting a criminal records check more than once during an 18-month period on certain employees. Allows DHS or OHA to conduct a criminal records check more than once during an 18-month period if DHS or OHA determines it would be burdensome for a subject individual to wait for a new criminal records check. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Prohibits DHS or OHA from considering specified misdemeanor convictions in conducting fitness determinations.

BACKGROUND:

When evaluating the fitness of an individual as an employee, contractor, or volunteer, the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) are prohibited from considering a conviction for driving under the influence of intoxicants if it is a single conviction and over five years have passed since the conviction. DHS and OHA are also prohibited from conducting a criminal records check more than once in every two-year period on certain employees.

Senate Bill 1519 prohibits DHS and OHA from considering a conviction for operating a boat while under the influence of intoxicants, as well as considering such convictions under a law in another jurisdiction, if it is a single conviction and over five years have passed since the conviction. The measure also allows DHS or OHA to conduct a criminal records check more than once during an 18-month period if DHS or OHA determines it would be burdensome for a subject individual to wait for a new criminal records check.