

HB 2058 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows the Oregon Department of Education to rely on criminal records checks conducted by a previous employer if the previous employer is a school or school district, or by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission under certain circumstances. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Criminal records check processes and procedures
- Duplication of efforts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Narrows the time period in which the Department of Education may not require fingerprints of a person due to a prior criminal records check by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019-2020 school year, Oregon schools, school districts, and education service districts employed over 70,000 total staff. House Bill 2058 allows the Oregon Department of Education to rely on previously-conducted criminal records checks under certain circumstances.