

**HB 2599 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services**

**Carrier:** Rep. Morgan

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**Action Date:** 03/20/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 10-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Andersen, Cramer, Elmer, Hartman, Hieb, Nelson, Neron, Nguyen H, Reynolds, Scharf

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/25, 3/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Early Learning Council, by rule, to waive fees for enrollment in Central Background Registry for employees and volunteers affiliated with organizations that provide respite services for parents pursuant to properly executed power of attorney. Applies to fees assessed on or after effective date.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Financial burden of performing background check for emergency housing providers
- Benefits of respite service providers
- Characteristics of Central Background Registry

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies statutory citation for definition of respite service provider.

**BACKGROUND:**

Parents who are experiencing a crisis may, through a properly executed power of attorney, temporarily delegate responsibility for caring for a child to a respite service provider. These providers offer uncompensated, volunteer child care services in order to relieve a parent in crisis from the demands and responsibility of caring for a child. Oregon law requires individuals who have direct unsupervised contact with children, including employees and volunteers affiliated with respite services providers, to enroll in the Central Background Registry operated by the Early Learning Council, which charges fees to individuals to cover the costs of performing the criminal records checks required for enrollment.

House Bill 2599 A requires the Early Learning Council to waive the fees charged for enrollment in the Central Background Registry for employees or volunteers who are affiliated with providers of respite services.