Joint Committee on Ways and Means   **Carrier – House:**   Rep. Nathanson
                                                         Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Revenue:	**No revenue impact**
Fiscal:	**Fiscal statement issued**

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	22 – 0 – 3
House	
Yeas:	Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, G. Smith, Whisnant
Nays:	
Exc:	Nolan, Thatcher
Senate	
Yeas:	Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters
Nays:	
Exc:	Nelson
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Meeting Date:	February 22, 2012

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: The measure directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to convene a work group to make recommendations regarding a system for performing criminal records checks. The bill requires DAS to report to the appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly on the workgroup's recommendations on or before November 30, 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: State and local governments conduct criminal records checks on employees, volunteers, vendors, licensees for various reasons, including contact with vulnerable populations, access to private information on individuals and businesses, and access to financial records. All fingerprint-based criminal records checks are requested through the Department of State Police (OSP). If a nationwide criminal records check is required, the requesting agency may request the OSP to conduct the check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In some cases, the results of the check are turned over to the agency and the agency makes the fitness determination. In other cases, OSP holds the results and makes the fitness determination based on the criteria provided by the requester. State statute requires in all cases that fingerprint cards be destroyed after the background check is conducted. Agencies must adopt rules to implement the statutes relating to criminal records checks.