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Enrolled House Bill 3025

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR (at the request of Oregon AFL-CIO and the Urban League of Portland)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to use of information related to certain criminal matters.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) It is an unlawful practice for an employer to exclude an applicant from an initial interview solely because of a past criminal conviction.

(2) An employer excludes an applicant from an initial interview if the employer:

(a) Requires an applicant to disclose on an employment application a criminal conviction;

(b) Requires an applicant to disclose, prior to an initial interview, a criminal conviction; or

(c) If no interview is conducted, requires an applicant to disclose, prior to making a conditional offer of employment, a criminal conviction.

(3) Subject to subsections (1) and (2) of this section, nothing in this section prevents an employer from considering an applicant's conviction history when making a hiring decision.

(4) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply:

(a) If federal, state or local law, including corresponding rules and regulations, requires the consideration of an applicant's criminal history;

(b) To an employer that is a law enforcement agency;

(c) To an employer in the criminal justice system; or

(d) To an employer seeking a nonemployee volunteer.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2015 Act is subject to enforcement by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries as provided in ORS 659A.820 to 659A.865.

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