

SB 757 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes eligibility for conditional enrollment in the Central Background Registry to include persons with completed specified criminal background checks in Oregon and their state of residence if outside Oregon, instead of persons waiting on completion of a federal criminal records check. Specifies that revocation of a person's registration or their removal from the Central Background Registry must be *for cause* for purposes of prohibiting the person from enrolling or providing child care. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Child Care (OCC) within the Early Learning Division (ELD) is required to maintain a Central Background Registry of regulated child care providers and program operators. Currently, a person may be enrolled conditionally if they are waiting on completion of a criminal background check by the FBI, and they are otherwise eligible.

Certain individuals are not eligible to enroll in the Central Background Registry and are barred from providing child care for a number of years following an adverse action against their registration. These exempt, prohibited persons are currently defined as those whose registration has been suspended, denied for cause, revoked, removed, subjected to emergency suspension, or surrendered during an investigation or when an administrative proceeding was initiated; or the person is subject to a cease and desist order.

Senate Bill 757 makes conditional enrollment in the Central Background Registry available to persons who have completed specified criminal background checks in Oregon and their state of residence if not Oregon, instead of being available to persons waiting for a federal background check to be complete. The measure also specifies that, for purposes of prohibiting an individual from enrolling in the Central Background Registry or providing child care, the revocation or removal of their registration must have been *for cause*.