

SB 1512 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Linthicum

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

Minority Report

Action Date: 02/14/22

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

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

Report Signers: Sen. Dennis Linthicum, Sen. Dallas Heard

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Meeting Dates: 2/7, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes The Task Force on Occupational and Professional Licensing (task force) and specifies membership and meeting requirements. Directs task force to research and study issues related to occupational and professional licensing. Identifies areas of focus, including barriers that exist to applicants for licensing and the extent to which licenses are denied, suspended, or revoked based on criminal convictions or juvenile adjudications. Authorizes task force to adopt rules and receive testimony and applicable literature, consult experts, perform investigations and otherwise take any action necessary to carry out the scope of task force’s responsibilities. Directs task force to make recommendations for improving licensing processes and removing identified barriers to licensing and submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to occupational and professional licensing no later than September 15, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to employment after criminal conviction
- Criteria for establishing substantial relationship to occupational duties
- Work group process
- Benefit of licensing eligibility determination before investing in educational prerequisites
- Post-prison reentry into society

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center conducted a comprehensive assessment of employment/licensing-related barriers in Oregon to identify opportunities to reduce barriers while maintaining public safety. CSG reported that while Oregon has established foundational statutory best practices, such as Fair Chance Licensing and Fair Chance Hiring laws, legislative carve-outs, vague language and a lack of comprehensiveness undermine these best practices and create legal barriers to school and work for Oregonians with a juvenile and/or adult criminal record.

Senate Bill 1512 MRA establishes The Task Force on Occupational and Professional Licensing to research and study issues related to occupational and professional licensing and make recommendations for improving licensing processes and removing any barriers identified by study.