

A-Engrossed House Bill 3224

Ordered by the House April 9
Including House Amendments dated April 9

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives ELMER, JAVADI, NGUYEN H, WALTERS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells DHS to study some aspects of background checks and make reports. (Flesch Readability Score: 83.8).

[Digest: The Act tells DHS to study statutes about background checks and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 77.8).]

Requires the Department of Human Services to review the statutes of this state to identify all instances of required background checks[,] **under certain statutes and** similarities and differences in the different background checks, and report on options to consolidate and reduce the number of different background checks for similar purposes or programs. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services not later than September 15, 2026.

Requires the department to study options for providing that a person does not need to undergo another background check conducted by a state agency for certain purposes if the person has already passed a background check conducted by a state agency in the previous 12 months. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services not later than June 30, 2026.

Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to background checks; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall review the statutes and administrative rules of this state to identify all instances of background checks of subject individuals under ORS 181A.200, 326.604, 329A.030, 342.125, 342.143, 409.027, 413.036, 418.016, 420A.021, 443.004 and 443.735, similarities and differences in the background checks, and options to consolidate and reduce the number of different background checks for similar purposes or programs.

(2) In conducting the review under this section, the department shall consult the HB 4091: Workgroup Report: Recommendations Regarding Criminal Records Verification in Oregon, published by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services in November 2012.

(3) The department shall submit a report on the review under this section in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services no later than September 15, 2026.

SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services shall study options for providing that a person does not need to undergo another background check conducted by a state agency for the purposes of working with children, elderly persons or persons with disabilities if the

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 person has already passed a background check conducted by a state agency in the previous
2 12 months. The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245,
3 and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legisla-
4 tive Assembly related to human services no later than June 30, 2026.

5 SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2027.

6 SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
8 on its passage.
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