

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed, Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue by prior reference, and then be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Cowan, Gelser, Gilliam, Kotek, Maurer, Olson, Tomei
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/26, 4/09

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Imposes \$10 fee for filing of petitions for marital annulment, dissolution or separation, and for filing of responses to petitions for marital annulment, dissolution or separation. Provides that fees collected be paid into Domestic Violence Clinical Program Account. Funds clinical legal education programs that provide civil legal services to victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. Sets qualification that clinical legal programs must also operate in conjunction with at least one nonprofit profit provider that serves victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. Requires moneys be distributed in amounts that are proportional to the number of victims served by the particular program as compared the total number of victims served by all programs in the preceding year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of clinical legal domestic violence programs in the state
- Program outcomes
- Level of funding supported by fee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases fee to \$10 and requires that funds from fees can only be used for purpose of funding clinical legal education programs that provide civil legal services to victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. Sets qualification that clinical legal programs must also operate in conjunction with at least one nonprofit profit service provider that serves victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. Requires moneys be distributed in amounts that are proportional to the number of victims served by the particular program as compared the total number of victims served by all programs in the preceding year.

BACKGROUND: According to a 2005 Department of Human Services survey, intimate partner violence (IPV) is a public health problem that impacts individuals, families, and communities across Oregon. One in ten Oregon women age 20-55 (85,000 women) experienced IPV, defined as physical and/or sexual assault by an intimate partner, in the five years preceding the survey. Approximately 30,000 women (3 percent) experienced IPV in the previous 12 months.

The DHS survey also estimated that the costs of intimate partner sexual and physical assault in Oregon exceeds \$50 million each year, nearly \$35 million of which is for direct medical and mental health care services. The total annual cost of IPV in Oregon also includes approximately \$9.3 million in lost productivity from paid work for victims of nonfatal IPV and approximately \$10.7 million in lifetime earnings lost by victims of IPV homicide. Health care expenditures represent more than two-thirds of all IPV-related costs.

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