74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 3 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Beyer, Kruse, Burdick

Nays: 0

Exc.: Prozanski, Walker

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Meeting Dates: 1/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a court to extend judgments for family support obligations before the judgment remedy is to expire, if the judgment provides for a future award of money. Makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to several family law statutes (ORS 107.015, 107.093, and 107.485). Permits an award of attorney fees and costs in a custody modification proceeding. Allows that both parents and not just fathers are entitled to relief from maintaining and educating a minor. Repeals ORS 106.210, which provides a remedy for illegitimacy resulting from repealed or unconstitutional laws that voided certain bi-racial marriages.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 307

Sen. Kruse

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Inconsistency of remedies between various family law statutes
- Outdated language in various family law statutes
- Attorney fees in Family Abuse Prevention Act cases
- Impact of appealing ORS 106.210 on heirs of children covered by law

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: SB 307 updates and makes consistent several statutes in the family law area. For example, certain judgments can be extended if they provide for a future award of money, but not others. Attorney fees are available in a custody proceeding under the Family Abuse Prevention Act, but not in a custody modification proceeding under that same Act. "Fathers" are entitled to relief from certain requirements if a child's circumstances change, but not mothers. SB 307 makes remedies consistently available, clarifies out-dated text, and repeals a law that references a statute that no longer exists.