

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: Whitsett
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Meeting Dates: 3/25, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Support Enforcement Division to change a child support order based on a change in physical custody. Does not allow for change in support enforcement order when the child is in the physical custody of the parent with the obligation to pay child support if the child is there for parenting time or a visitation. Allows a parent with physical custody to file a sworn affidavit to change the support order and allows the other parent to contest the affidavit by requesting a hearing. Clarifies that a change in support order does not change legal custody.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Parents often informally agree to change physical custody

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: If the custodial parent, the parent with legal custody, wishes to allow the noncustodial parent to have physical custody beyond parenting time or visitation, the parties have to go to court in order to have the support order modified. Otherwise, the noncustodial parent, with physical custody, not only pays for the board and room of the child, but also owes child support.