

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: Whitsett
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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that judgments for child support awards expire after 35 years rather than the current 25 years. Applies to judgments whether entered before or after the effective date of this bill. Does not revive a judgment that has expired prior to the effective date of this Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Does not revive expired judgments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: When a parent fails to pay child support and the parent's child is receiving assistance from the state, the parent's obligation to pay child support becomes a debt the parent owes the state. A parent has an obligation to support his or child until the child obtains the age of 18. This obligation may extend beyond age 18 in some circumstances. Currently, a judgment to pay child support expires after 25 years.