

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies the rules for distributing property when a rightful heir refuses receipt, or disclaims, the property when a person dies without a will.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, if the person who died had a will and the property to be distributed is disclaimed or refused by an heir, the property passes as though the person who disclaimed the property died before the decedent. However, if there is no will, the rules for distributing the property are unclear. HB 2357 clarifies that in the situation where there is no will, the rule in the event of a disclaimer will be the same as if there was a will.