

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
<b>Vote:</b>	5 – 0 – 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends the statute of limitations for an action based on child abuse. Provides that an action must commence before the victim reaches age 40 or within five years from the date the victim discovers the causal connection between the injury and the abuse, whichever is longer. Applies retroactively unless judgment entered.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Complexity of issue

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In order to bring an action for child abuse that occurred when the victim was under age 18 years, the victim must bring the action before age 24 years, or within three years of discovering the causal connection between the injury and the abuse. This leaves some victims, who sometimes do not experience the emotional fallout from abuse until years later, without any civil recourse against the offender. HB 2827 extends the statute of limitations for civil actions against a perpetrator of child abuse or an individual who knowingly allowed, permitted or encouraged child abuse.