

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 9 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish rules, policies and procedures to implement the Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption and the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 in compliance with any related federal laws or regulations. Directs that DHS rules, policies and procedures established under Senate Bill 10 apply to children who are the subject of Convention adoptions and in the custody of the department based on a court order. Declares emergency; takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Companion to HB 3471
- Provides safeguards for children in Department of Human Services custody

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Hague Adoption Convention) is an international agreement to safeguard intercountry adoptions. Concluded on May 29, 1993 in The Hague, the Netherlands, the Convention establishes international standards of practice for intercountry adoptions. The United States signed the Convention in 1994, and the Convention entered into force for the United States in April 2008. The Intercountry Adoption Act, 42 U.S.C 14901 et seq, codifies the Convention. Senate Bill 10A allows the Department of Human Services to make rules and policies consistent with the Adoption Convention and the Intercountry Adoption Act.