

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

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

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/10, 3/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires court to honor parties' written stipulation to continue certain domestic relations proceedings, if filed not less than ten days before hearing, absent a finding that injustice would result by clear and convincing standard.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Domestic relations matters distinguished from other civil litigation
- Relatively few occurrences, but characterized as critical, where court disregards mutual agreement of parties

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires stipulation not less than ten days before hearing.

**BACKGROUND:** Courts have discretion to deny requests to continue even if there are no objections. Senate Bill 489A requires courts to honor such requests in writing from parties to certain domestic relations proceedings if no injustice would result.