House Concurrent Resolution 6

Sponsored by Representative WINGARD (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Declares legislative policy in support of fatherhood and promotion of bonds between children and parents by providing children maximum access to parents regardless of marital status.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas babies as young as three months of age can distinguish between their mother and father; and

Whereas children with involved fathers score higher on cognitive tests; and

Whereas improved cognitive ability is associated with higher educational attainment; and

Whereas involvement of fathers lessens the likelihood of at-risk children failing or dropping out of school; and

Whereas children with involved fathers experience enhanced career success, leading to higher incomes and greater financial stability; and

Whereas children with involved fathers demonstrate lower rates of teen violence, delinquency and other law enforcement problems; and

Whereas involvement of fathers is associated with positive child characteristics such as empathy, self-esteem, self-control, psychological well-being, social acceptance and life skills; and

Whereas having an involved father provides a role model for positive parenting, healthy caregiving and commitment to the family; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly declares that it is legislative policy to support fatherhood and to further children's well-being by enhancing the bonds between children and parents through providing children maximum access to their fit and loving parents regardless of the current marital status of the parents.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.